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► Committee applies for grant through MDOT to help fund project

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

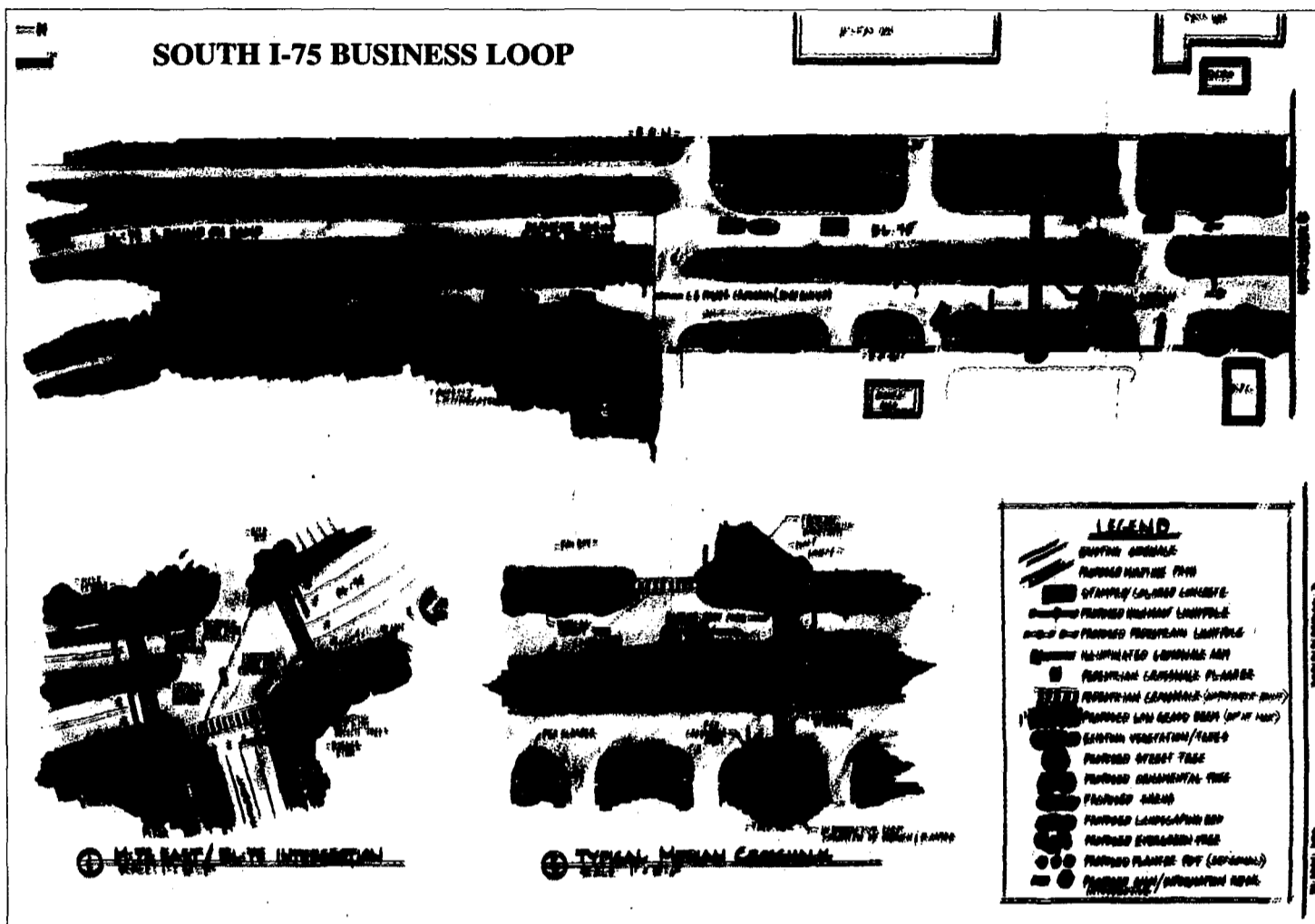
In a few years, the South I-75 Business Loop could look very different. A proposed streetscape project, which could cost over a million dollars, would bring about a variety of aesthetic changes and several safety adjustments, making the south end of Grayling considerably more "walkable," safer, and more pleasant to the eye.

A committee consisting of 10 local people has put together a hefty grant document to apply for enhancement grant funding through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to help fund the project. The proposed plan, submitted in mid-December (2000), lists a \$1.3 million price tag.

The committee was able to get MDOT to sign for the grant application, making the department responsible for the required 20 percent local match if the application is approved. Enhancement grants are funded through TEA-21 (Transportation Equity Act) money. Gail Madsen, a member of the

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These sketches by engineers from Sundberg & Carlson, which are included in the grant application for the streetscape project, show some of the planned changes the streetscape could bring to the South I-75 Business Loop, if the grant is approved.

Reynolds announces he'll retire this year

► Superintendent to retire after nearly 28 years at Crawford AuSable Schools

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A year earlier than he previously planned, Crawford AuSable School District's (CASD) Superintendent Kent Reynolds announced on Monday he would retire at the end of the 2000-2001 school year.

"I have spent 36 years in education and 17 years in this position," Reynolds said. "To perform this job I dedicate about 60-70 hours each week. I would like to reduce the time I spend working. At this point, the (school) district is stable and it has great programs. I think it is time now to go." Reynolds has beaten the odds in Michigan. He said most superintendents last an average of five years in a district.

Reynolds began his career with CASD in 1973 when he was hired to serve as Grayling High School Principal. "It was a very pleasurable opportunity to open the new

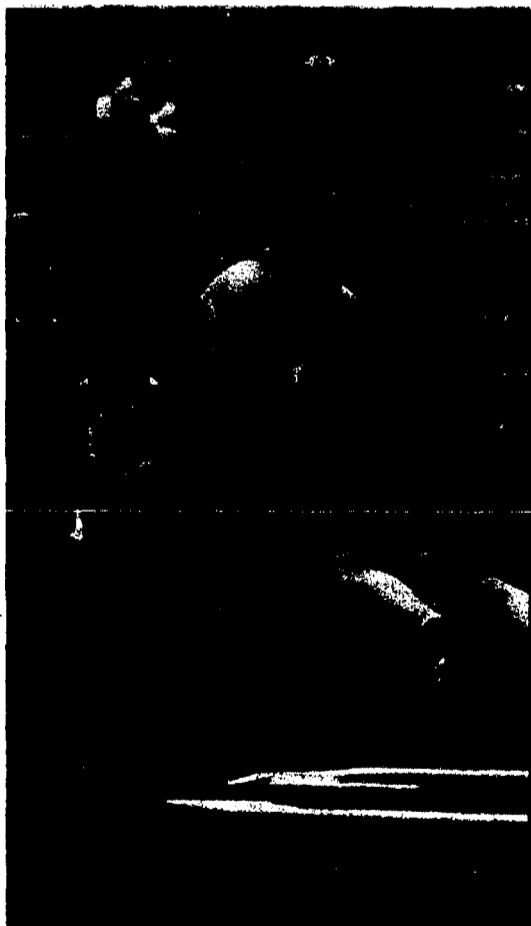
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Grayling High School wrestlers Victor CdeBaca (left) and Chris Peters (right), both seniors, each recorded their 100th career high school wrestling victory this season. CdeBaca, a two-time State Finals qualifier, hit the century mark last week in a match against Bay City John Glenn. Peters chalked up his 100th victory on December 16, 2000. For more, see Page 1B.

Dixie evicted

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

After 13 years of caring for the homeless animals of Crawford County, Dixie Lobsinger has been evicted from the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

According to Lobsinger, on Saturday, January 6, local attorney Monte Burmeister entered the shelter with a copy of the lease between the shelter board and the Road Commission for Crawford County and informed Lobsinger that she would have to leave.

Burmeister was representing shelter board members Ward Parker, Nancy Lemmen, Ron Joyce, Joe Porter, Pat Kangas and Susan Thiel who were also present Saturday morning.

Board members drafted a letter to Lobsinger on Thursday, January 4, ordering her to vacate immediately, however, Burmeister told Lobsinger the board was unsure of whether or not she had received it. Lobsinger was there to open the shelter as she has for years, on Friday and Saturday, January 5 and 6.

Lobsinger said she told Burmeister and others that she would not leave without a court order. She said the attorney stated he would be back and left the shelter. Lobsinger called local police, explained what was happening, and asked for their assistance.

Armed with a camera, video and tape recorders, shelter board members, along with former Animal Control Officer Marge Mathew, took control of the shelter as Dixie's

longtime volunteers Judy Sumner, Louise Tournaud, and Patty Redinger tried to finish up the morning chores of feeding and watering the animals, as well as kennel cleanup. Redinger is also a former shelter board member.

Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner, Patrolman Tim Coe and Crawford County Deputy Paul Smith arrived and, after recommending she retain an attorney for herself, explained to Lobsinger they felt the lease was "enough" to ask her to leave. She left very quietly with her dog, Samantha, right around 12 noon after giving Mathew information on the animals currently housed at the shelter.

Shelter board members brought some food for the animals, previously ordered by Lobsinger, cleaned and applied a fresh coat of paint to the walls of the shelter's tiny reception and work areas. According to Mathew, improvements to the kennel area are also planned by the shelter board.

Shelter operations were not disrupted over the last week since the Road Commission agreed to the five-year lease with the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board and the subsequent departure of Lobsinger last Saturday. On Monday, January 8 Mathew, Tournaud, Green Thumb employee Alice Ray, and a person fulfilling community service obligations were working at the shelter. According to Acting President Ward Parker, the shelter is currently staffed by volunteers.

Shelter to be leased to Board

► Road Board approves lease for property to Animal Shelter Board

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Road Commission Board and the Crawford County Animal Shelter Board have reached an agreement for a five-year lease of the shelter property, which the Road Commission owns, after the Crawford County Board of Commissioners decided not to pursue the lease.

At last Thursday's Road Commission meeting, the Road Board expressed a desire to stay out of the controversy surrounding the Animal Shelter, and treat the issue of the property lease as a "narrow" matter: the Road Commission has been approached with a lease agreement that is needed to ensure the shelter can continue to operate.

The Road Commission was prepared to lease with the county, but the county opted not to enter into the lease after a Prosecuting Attorney's opinion was received. According to a letter from County Controller Paul Compo to the Road

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County Board hands reins to Hanson

by Cheryl Ruley
 Staff Writer

By a unanimous decision, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners elected District #2 Commissioner Scott Hanson to the position of County Chairman for a two-year term. District #6 Commissioner Terry Beardslee, who was absent from the January 4 Organizational Meeting due to shoulder surgery, was elected Vice Chairman.

Unlike Chairmen before him, Hanson will serve for two years instead of one. The state recently adopted a law setting the county chairman term at two years. Outgoing two-term Vice Chair and District #5 Commissioner Beth Wieland explained to the Board the two year term was a compromise when some suggested the term be set at four years.

Outgoing Chairperson and District #4 Commissioner Lynette Corlew did not seek another term as County Chair, citing a busy schedule and family obligations. "I have

enjoyed serving as Chair, however I would like to concentrate on other things I am interested in," Corlew said.

At the annual meeting committee assignments were also made, with no changes from the previous year. They are: Law Enforcement Committee Chairman - Harold "Tike" Golnick, District #1; Personnel and Labor Committee Chairperson - Shelley Pinkelman, District #3; Ways and Means Committee Chairperson - Beth Wieland, District #5.

Commissioner Corlew agreed to chair the newly developed Judicial Committee, with Hanson serving as alternate.

The Judicial Committee will serve to address issues between the courts and the county.

With some exceptions, the County Board will continue to meet for committee meetings at 9:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month and regular meetings at the same time on the third Wednesday of each month.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Outgoing two-term County Chair Lynette Corlew congratulated new Chairman Scott Hanson on his election, and wished him well. Corlew did not seek re-election to the chairmanship.

Streetscape project planned for Grayling

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streetscape committee and driving force behind the project, said the streetscape plan started soon after the Crawford County Multi-use Trails Committee secured a sizeable enhancement grant for construction of a system of paved pathways in the county. Upon discovering that enhancement grants could also be secured for "transportation aesthetics," Madsen formed a committee with a few friends and area resi-

dents, and the committee took a "if they can do it, we can do it" attitude. (Enhancement grant monies are also available for "historic preservation" and "water quality.")

The committee went right to work. With help from engineers from Sundberg & Carlson, the group compiled a catalog of over 300 digital photos (some of which are used in color in the grant application), had maps drawn to scale of the South I-75 Business Loop area, and looked at what aspects of the area could be changed for the better.

The committee started big, though at the time Madsen wasn't sure how much could really be completed.

"It started in my mind very large, but I didn't think it was feasible," said Madsen. "As it progressed, we decided, 'let's go for the whole ball of wax.' We put in lots and lots and lots of hours."

Madsen and other committee members visited several other northern Michigan communities to research how projects similar to the proposed streetscape in comparable cities had already been achieved.

Madsen found that the other communities had completed similar projects but each "had different means

of doing it."

"It's not an easy thing, but it can be done," she said.

Madsen approached the City of Grayling for help, since the proposed first phase, from the south I-75 ramps to M-72 East, lies within the city. The city supported the concept of the streetscape from the beginning, and eventually agreed to help with financial support.

The city had planned to construct sidewalks in the South I-75 Business Loop area within the next few years as part of the city's annual sidewalk program, which is funded by city income tax money specifically designated for street improvements.

If the streetscape grant is approved, the city will have the sidewalks constructed as part of the streetscape project, cutting a significant amount of money that would otherwise have been needed out of the project for work the city would have done anyway.

The city also agreed to pay \$75,000 per year for three years to help maintain the sprinkler systems and other parts of the streetscape (if the project is approved).

A sprinkler system is needed to keep the trees, shrubs, grass and

flowers that would be planted in good condition. In addition to the new vegetation and sidewalks, other proposed improvements through the streetscape include: new benches, information kiosks (with maps), crosswalks on the business loop, decorative lighting throughout the area, and new trash receptacles.

Aesthetics, traffic, and safety were the three main issues the committee looked at while compiling the list of objectives, Madsen said.

Madsen said that if the project is approved for funding, MDOT engineers would work on the specifics, though the grant application shows the committee's vision for many of the streetscape's various aspects.

Results of the grant application process are expected this summer, Madsen said. Even if it is approved, construction is still about two years away.

Madsen said that if the enhancement grant application is unsuccessful, the committee will try again.

The committee is now working on other phases of the streetscape: M-72 West to M-93, M-72 East to M-72 West, Michigan Avenue, and Norway Street. It could take 10 years or more to complete it all, Madsen said.

Shelter to be leased to Board

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Commission, the Prosecuting Attorney's opinion stated that the county had "no legal obligation or jurisdiction" in the matter after the current animal control contract expired.

Attorney Bill Carey, the Road Commission's legal counsel, said it would be wise to keep the issue "narrow."

The property lease is important to the operation of the shelter, and with the county no longer willing to sign the lease, the Road Commission's legal option with regard to the shelter is to lease with the board of the

non-profit group that has been set up to run the Animal Shelter, Carey said.

Additionally, Carey outlined three conditions for the lease: 1) the Animal Shelter Board must have insurance for the shelter for up to \$1 million per occurrence; 2) the Animal Shelter Board must have a bond for indemnity; and 3) the board of the non-profit Animal Shelter group must approve the lease agreement by resolution.

Animal Shelter Board member Susan Thiel provided a copy of a board resolution supporting the lease agreement, and said the insur-

ance arrangements were in the works. The board would work on securing a bond for indemnity, she said.

When asked about the petition drive and effort to remove the current Animal Shelter Board, Thiel said the board's legal counsel found the actions to be "invalid," and the same board is still in place.

Shelter Director Dixie Lobsinger, also in attendance, said only that there has not been a lease for a while and she would like the Road Commission to wait on approving the proposed lease.

After the discussion, Commissioner Ken Riehle moved to approve the lease, for five years, with the three conditions outlined by Carey. The Animal Shelter Board must fulfill (or be in the process of fulfilling) the conditions by the end of 30 days.

According to the motion, the Road Commission's Managing Director would then be authorized to sign the lease on behalf of the Road Commission.

Road Board Vice-Chairman John Hartman provided a second to Riehle's motion, which then passed 3-0.

The Road Commission can exit the lease with 30-day written notice, according to the lease agreement.

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Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce began a new fiscal year in November of 2000, and a new executive board was elected. The new chamber board consists of: Laurie Figley, Chairman; John Patchin, Vice-Chair; Bill Gannon, Treasurer; Monte Burmeister, Secretary; Diane Tompkins-Burtch, Past-Chairman.

The Chamber's annual \$10,000 raffle event and awards ceremony will be held on January 20 at the Holiday Inn. Contact any Chamber member or the Chamber office (at 517-348-2921) to purchase a ticket. Doors will open at 6 p.m.



Laurie Figley
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Vice-Chair



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Bill Gannon
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Ambulance subscription plans offered to Crawford residents

As part of its service in Crawford County, Mobile Medical Response is offering its "MMR Plus" membership programs to all county residents.

MMR began providing "advance life support" emergency medical services treatment and transportation in Crawford County in November 2000.

Residents who live within Crawford County, or any other county that MMR serves, have the opportunity to participate in MMR's membership programs offering several options and benefits.

The first option is "MMR Plus MedConnection," which costs \$59 per year, and covers an individual, a spouse and any dependent members of a household. Participation in the program covers any insurance deductibles or co-payments that individuals have, and insurance companies or Medicare do not cover, for any "medically necessary" ambulance transportation that

MMR provides anywhere within its service area for the entire program year.

The "MMR Plus MedConnection" option also includes access to MedConnection, MMR's medical information and advice telephone line. Registered nurses and other medical professionals are available 24 hours a day to answer a variety of health-related questions.

Personnel use their training along with nationally approved protocols to give advice and direct callers to the most appropriate level of care. The protocols were developed by national experts in pediatrics, geriatrics, women's health and family practice. Individuals or families who become members of MMR Plus MedConnection will be given a telephone number to access the information line and a personal access code when they become members.

Those who become members of

the MMR Plus MedConnection are also eligible for a discount on the personal help alarm systems, called MainStreet Messenger, that MMR leases and monitors.

The personal alert system activates when a user pushes a button that is connected to a wristband or pendant. The system can contact up to three other responders such as relatives or friends if a person needs help. The device can also contact MMR directly if other responders are busy or not available. The MainStreet Messenger becomes the main telephone in a user's home and can be used for regular incoming and outgoing telephone calls.

The system is ideal for older individuals or couples living on their own or for anyone who may need assistance.

MMR is a distributor of the MainStreet Messenger units and usually charges a one-time \$35 installation and \$35 a month monitoring fee.

Anyone, whether or not they participate in an MMR membership program, can get a MainStreet Messenger, however, MMR will waive the installation fee for MMR Plus MedConnection members.

The second membership program option is "MMR Plus" only. This choice is \$39 annually and only offers the benefit of taking the place of insurance deductibles or co-payments for ambulance service.

Membership in MMR Plus MedConnection or MMR Plus will expire January 31, 2002. For more information on any membership options call, toll-free, 1-800-232-5216. Applications are available by calling the toll-free number or by pick-up at the MMR facility at 1600 Michigan Avenue in Grayling or at the Beaver Creek Fire Department.

Most issues of this week's Crawford County Avalanche include MMR's newsletter "Response" and an application to subscribe to the described ambulance services.

County Board adopts new snowmobile ordinance

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

It's out with old and in with the new. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on January 4 to rescind an ordinance dating back to 1973 with a new ordinance governing snowmobiling.

County Prosecutor John Huss and Sheriff Dave Lovely worked diligently to compose the language of

the new ordinance after discovering there were some inconsistencies with the old ordinance and state laws.

"The 1973 ordinance was outdated and simply did not apply," Huss said. "With very, very minor exceptions, the new ordinance reflects state law word for word."

The new ordinance does not address drunk driving while on a snowmobile, but Huss said the state

law covers that issue.

"The most important thing about this ordinance is that criminality is replaced with civil infractions," the Prosecutor commented. "And, if an arrest needs to be made, a certified officer will be called." Huss used drunk driving as an example.

A \$10 state trail permit is neces-

sary to operate a snowmobile on Crawford County trails.

The newly adopted ordinance, in its entirety, can be found on Page 6B of this issue of the Avalanche.

Grocery store managers catch purse snatcher

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A 29-year old Grayling man was arrested on January 3 after he allegedly grabbed a woman's purse from her shopping cart and fled Glen's Market.

Grayling Police Officer Karl DeVries responded to the call and found through his investigation that store managers Mark White and Corey Derenzy had chased the suspect outside and then caught him. White and Derenzy detained the suspect until DeVries arrived and were also able to recover the purse.

David Michael Greer was arrested and charged with Larceny from a Person. He was arraigned on the charge in 83rd District Court on January 5 before Judge John G. Hunter. A preliminary examination is scheduled for January 16.

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Household Hazardous Waste Day scheduled

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Before throwing those old half-used paint cans and old varnish into the trash, consider storing them for a few more months until the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Each year, Crawford County Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill makes all the arrangements to allow county residents to dispose of their accumulated haz-

ardous household chemicals, paints, batteries, etc. at no charge, keeping them out of our local landfill. This year Household Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday, June 23, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the County Building parking lot. No appointment is necessary.

Look for further details in the Crawford County Avalanche or contact Pat Merrill at (517) 344-3258.



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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Being president won't be easy for GWB

NOW THAT CONGRESS has formally met for the new year, the complexity of the job facing new President George W. Bush takes on proportion.

It won't be easy to get anything significant accomplished in Washington for a while.

The cry is loud for bi-partisanship in Congress. The margin in the House is slightly Republican, and the Senate is deadlocked 50-50. President Bush is being advised to reach out to Democrats and moderate Republicans to form coalitions to get any part of his programs through.

Mr. Bush's record as governor in Texas, plus his campaign rhetoric, indicate that's exactly what he intends to do.

But bi-partisanship is a two-way street. There must be give-and-take on all sides, and not just take with no give.

There also must be genuine desire by all parties -- not just the White House -- to actually get something positive accomplished.

Aiming for political advantage in the next election by either Democrats or Republicans won't lead to legislative progress.

WHEN MR. BUSH visited the Capitol a couple weeks ago, he made it a point to meet with Democratic congressional leaders as well as Republicans. That was a good start.

If top Democrats Rep. Richard Gephardt and Sen. Tom Daschle will be included in plotting the legislative agenda, along with Republicans Speaker Dennis Hastert and Sen. Trent Lott, then Congress actually may make some progress the next two years.

But many unreconstructed political extremists still operate on Capital Hill, and the ultras on both ends are not likely to opt for progress in place of programmatic pursuit.

It looks from here that Mr. Bush will probably have more trouble with die hard Republican conservatives than with the Democrats in any pursuit of compromise for

the sake of progress.

If the Republicans screw things up in the legislative process, then the Democrats won't have to. They can sit by and snicker, and wait to count the votes in the 2002 mid term election.

WHAT'S THE FUSS? -- A huge Washington ruckus swirls about the nomination of former Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri for attorney general, which seems to be centered on Mr. Ashcroft's conservative religious and political record.

Will he uphold laws with which he disagrees? Will he abuse the rights of minorities? Will he mis-use the attorney general's office to advance the agenda of the political far right and punish the far left? Will the country really go to the dogs if Mr. Ashcroft is confirmed?

Most of these arguments are a smoke screen.

Since when has the attorney general become the bellwether of an entire presidential administration or the entire country?

The attorney general is appointed by the president and can be removed the same way. He does not run the court system nor appoint judges or many other office holders. He can't go very far off on his own way, without regard for what the boss wants him to do.

The job is important, but the attorney general doesn't set the agenda for the White House or the whole country to follow.

IT APPEARS that Mr. Bush's critics have not been able to make much of a case against most of his appointments so far, so John Ashcroft seems to have drawn the short straw.

Bush opponents have to raise a loud fuss about something and Mr. Ashcroft is it. This nomination provides a chance for partisan and political doctrinaires to sound off and to make a public record.

John Ashcroft faced the unprecedented difficulty of running his 2000 senate campaign against a dead man, and losing.

When Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan died a few weeks before last November's election, Mr. Ashcroft conducted himself in a most exemplary manner.

There was no effective yet gracious way to run against a dead governor, whose name remained on the ballot. Mr. Ashcroft lost what amounted to a memorial campaign for Gov. Carnahan, and he bowed out in grace and style.

Now John Ashcroft has become a symbolic sacrificial lamb again. He doesn't deserve such treatment.

Unless something genuinely serious comes up, he will be confirmed, and he won't ruin the country either.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Member 'baffled' by shelter board; asks, in writing, for public meeting

To the editor,

This letter was written and delivered to Ward Parker, Acting President of the Crawford County Animal Shelter Board, following a telephone conversation with her, the content of which concerned the Board's position on Dixie Lobsinger, who has maintained the Animal Shelter here for over a decade. This letter is being printed with the permission of the writer.

Dear Ward:

This is a follow-up to our telephone conversation the evening of Thursday, January 4th, 2001. Again, I want to thank you for your time.

I again request, this time in writing, a special meeting be called by the Animal Shelter Board and to include Dixie, whom I now understand you have evicted from the property. I can only presume that you didn't know about this action the evening of January 4th, 2001, since I specifically asked you if you were going to have her removed from the property. I am

very disappointed your Board took that action without giving mediation or a special public meeting a chance for compromise.

As previously indicated, I am desirous of a special meeting, with notice posted in the *Crawford County Avalanche*, so that all citizens of the community who are interested in attending may do so. Again, the purpose of the meeting would be to exchange ideas with the hope of reaching a compromise between your Board and Dixie. I know you stated that, by law, the Board is not obligated to post notice of its meetings. I feel that, required or not, your Board should publish notice of actions taken before the action is taken. I am still baffled how a Board can elect and appoint themselves to a community, non-profit animal shelter without notice of the meeting to at least the members of the Animal Shelter, and/or by public notice, to all interested citizens of the community.

Further, I think a public notice in

the paper is in order for your Board to disclose to the community information as to who is running the shelter in Dixie's absence and what hours the shelter will be open. I am so very concerned that you will begin euthanizing animals, as you stated in our telephone conversation you would need to do to "limit" the numbers. If you are going to change that practice, I feel that should be made public as well.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience regarding these requests at either my work telephone number, my home telephone number, or my home address as stated above.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,
Debbie Rutkowski
Member, Crawford County
Animal Shelter
and Concerned Citizen
Grayling

Will public 'just go with the flow' on shelter issue?

To the editor,

Once again, it seems, the animal shelter board is off base.

On December 20, the Board of Commissioners suggested a mediator to deal with the animal shelter dispute and Scott Hanson volunteered to help out.

On December 27, the shelter board met with Mr. Hanson and, at that time, they did not notify him that they had already written a letter dated December 26 to have Dixie Lobsinger meet with them on December 31 at 2 p.m. to take possession of any paperwork, as well as anything pertaining to the running of the shelter.

Dixie met with Mr. Hanson on the 29, but had not received the letter as of their meeting. But on December 31, the board failed to keep their appointment at 2 p.m. and business has gone on as usual with Dixie caring enough to show up and take care of the animals.

Then, on January 4, the road commission made a five-year agreement with the existing board to lease the shelter property. According to the way I read the by-laws, we as members, are entitled to attend board meetings. Unfortunately, the meetings are closed and no times are posted for the public or members to be able to be in attendance. Does this

mean they are in violation of the open meetings act, especially since they receive public monies?

The by-laws do clearly state that a special meeting can be called (using the Michigan State 10-day rule) by either the president or three board of directors or by 10 members using a written request, which was done by the petitions sent to the board with 170 signatures on them.

One of my concerns is that this board may be in violation of the corporate by-laws with only six directors as it appeared at the meeting with the Board of Commissioners on December 20.

The people of Crawford County need to stand up and decide if they want to just go with the flow or be counted on to get behind the one they believe in and get this board back on track, possibly by replacing them. I urge anyone interested in this matter to attend the meeting at the Gray Rock Cafe on Thursday, January 11 at 2 p.m.

P.S. Who would have fed and watered these animals after December 31 at 2 p.m.?

Sharon Priebe
Grayling

Shelter board members explain their actions

To the editor,

Recently, the board of directors of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County (ASCC) has been criticized for our attempts to bring financial accountability to the organization. Please allow us to explain our side of the issue.

The ASCC is a non-profit organization, subject to audit, and its director is under the authority of the organization, guided by the board. All of us -- director and board members -- share a common goal of providing quality care for animals awaiting adoption.

Mrs. Lobsinger has done a superb job in caring for animals. But that is only part of the director's responsibilities. Since March 1999, she has failed to provide the financial and organizational records needed to monitor the organization's health. Board members have made numerous offers to help her compile the needed information, but they were all refused.

Furthermore, Mrs. Lobsinger has refused to attend board meetings since December 1998 and has refused to meet with board mem-

bers to discuss problems, as evidenced by a December 9 incident in which board members were literally barricaded from the shelter.

What has the board done that is so awful? If it is asking for records on shelter finances and operations, we plead guilty. Although she claims that financial and operational information are none of our business, nothing could be further from the truth. That is exactly what a board must be interested in. This year, she was months late in providing tax information to the accountant. Consequently, this summer the shelter almost lost its non-profit status and its permit to raise funds. Two board members worked to avert the crisis. We also plead guilty to reinforcing a long-standing policy of dual-signature checks. Mrs. Lobsinger's practice of having the former president sign blank checks, so she could add her signature at any time was a poor financial practice and we asked that it cease.

When new officers were elected, new signature cards were needed for the checking account. Although asked, she refused to sign them.

The board did not take check-writing ability away from her. She refused it.

Despite our repeated efforts throughout the last two years, Mrs. Lobsinger has made no effort to communicate with us. She has mandated that the board resign or she will. She has stated publicly that she cannot work with us, and has made a proposal to the county to start another shelter organization. Nevertheless, the board has made a commitment to Crawford County to keep the shelter running. It is too large an organization to depend upon a single person. What would happen if she suddenly couldn't run it? In the best interest of the animals, a team of employees, volunteers and board members must work together to keep it operating smoothly. This requires a director who will work with that team. Sadly, it is obvious that Mrs. Lobsinger has chosen not to be a team player.

Susan Thiel
Nancy Lemmen
ASCC Board Members

Animal Shelter Board's actions receive support

To the editor,

This letter is directed to the residents of Crawford County:

I am writing in support of the Board of Directors of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. I have read, listened and discussed many issues regarding the shelter and its operations over the last few months. I believe when you decide to run a business, you do have an obligation to compile and file all required reports (with the State and the IRS), carry adequate insurance and secure the proper licenses.

This Board has been working hard to raise funding for an adequate shelter -- one many of us have contributed to in one way or another. The Board found out that tax returns were not filed, putting their license to solicit for funds in jeopardy. Their liability insurance policy lapsed due to non-payment. A stop payment order was even issued on a check not deposited. When these tasks were not being done adequately or timely, the Board had no choice but to step in and take over.

I listened to the Director say these

people don't care about the animals -- they just want to make a name for themselves. I find this hard to believe, when one was a veterinarian and another in the grooming business -- both working and caring for animals. The other members are all long time pet owners.

The Director resigned recently and then barricaded the Board Members from the shelter when they asked to have their records turned over. This was the second time they were barricaded out when they asked to meet with the director.

The most recent issue of the *Avalanche* outlines their procedure for holding meetings -- 10 day notice to members, etc. -- then states "the members decided to hold their own meeting that afternoon" -- the day the Board Members were barricaded out. These same Board Members have never been given or seen a list of the membership. The article goes on to say "they voted unanimously to remove the entire shelter board."

The article also states an organizational meeting is being planned for January 11 at 2 p.m. at the Gray Rock

Cafe. Nomination and election of officers is expected. All those interested in attending and voting who fit the criteria of membership (basically taking care of homeless animals, providing adoption services and educating the public on animal issues) and who donates money, time or resources are encouraged to attend.

I fit this criteria and plan to attend. I support the actions the Board of Directors found necessary to take. They are being criticized publicly for doing what has to be done. I think Crawford County is fortunate to have dedicated people like them who are willing to take time out of their personal lives and busy schedules to fulfill these obligations. Their whole purpose is to provide an adequate shelter and operation for the homeless and unwanted animals in our County until they find a new home. For this I commend them! I hope you do, too. They need our support. Please take time to attend the meeting scheduled on January 11th.

Beth Wieland
Grayling

Complain now or don't complain later

To the editor,

One hundred million dollars for lap top computers for every teacher in the state of Michigan? Another \$8 million, nearly 40% increase, in salaries for legislators, etc.? Another

\$10 million increase for other state judges, etc. (a total over \$18 million)? Pretty soon we'll be talking some real money and who do you think pays for these? Did your Social Security check increase 40%?

Anyone who doesn't pick up the phone and call every state senator and legislator to complain has no complaint.

Don Welser
Grayling

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BRIEFS

Women invited to moonlight skiing

A Moonlight Cross Country Ski for Women will take place Thursday, January 11 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Bromley's Whippoorwill Lodge to benefit River House Shelter. To reach the lodge, take M-72 east eight miles to Stephan Bridge Road; turn left on Stephan Bridge Road to Shaw Park Road; turn right on Shaw Park Road and drive about 1.5 miles to lodge. Look for wooden sign on the left. The lodge phone number is (517) 344-1144. For more information on this charitable event and future events, call Carole Mueller-Brumbaugh at the Cross Country Ski Shop, (517) 348-8558.

Free BP & Glucose Screenings offered

Free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings will be offered by the Diabetes Education Department of Mercy Hospital Grayling on the following dates: Thursday, January 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Mercy Family Care in Prudenville; Thursday, January 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Mercy Family Care in Roscommon; and Monday, January 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Mercy Hospital Grayling. Walk-in registration. For more information, call Rhonda Haske, RN, BSN, CME at 348-0455.

Medallion Hunt kicks off in two weeks

The annual Medallion Hunt kicks off on Thursday, January 25 at 6 p.m. with dinner at the Sawmill on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Rules and extra clues will be available at the Kick-Off Dinner. The Medallion Hunt officially begins on Monday, January 29. Prizes totalling \$1,500 have been collected to date. Businesses wishing to help sponsor the Medallion Hunt should contact Mike Shearer at 348-2083.

Band Boosters still selling coupon books

Viking Band Boosters coupon books are still available by calling Deb Rugenstein at (517) 275-5172. Band parents should be returning unsold booklets and cash to Rugenstein. UPC seals Pepsi notes, and Box Tops for Education are still being collected in appropriate boxes at the middle school and high school. Get these fund-raising tokens in so they may be redeemed. Viking Band Boosters will hold their next meeting January 18 at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Crawford County Fair Board to meet

The Crawford County Fair Board's next meeting is January 16 at 6 p.m. at the county courthouse.

Eagles Auxiliary to host fish fry

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary will host an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Wednesday, January 24 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. On the menu is Alaskan Pollack, homemade bread, cole slaw, potato wedges and/or french fries and assorted desserts. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids, and kids under age five eat free of charge. A four-piece chicken dinner will also be offered for \$5. Dine in or carry out by calling 348-5287 to place an order. The Eagles' Club is located on M-72 East (Huron Street) in Grayling.

Dr. Sonntag and Family to perform

A performance of "Stop the World," starring Dr. Steve Sonntag, M.D. and Family, will be presented Saturday, January 13 at 8 p.m. in the G.I. Stewart Auditorium at Kirtland Community College. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. For tickets, call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

Bear's Bowmen offer indoor archery

Anyone -- men, women and youth -- of Grayling or the surrounding area who would like to participate in indoor archery shooting should contact Bill Weaver at 348-7221 or Dave Smith at 348-6500 for more information. Those interested may also visit the Bear Archery Club Building at Hanson House on Thursday, January 11 at 7 p.m. to sign up.

Lions' Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions' Lucky 13 winner of \$300 is Frank Esslin.

Secretary of State office closed Jan. 15

In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day state holiday, all branch offices of the Michigan Secretary of State, including the Grayling Mini Mall office, will be closed on January 15.

Nursing Centre offers support group

The Grayling Nursing Centre, at 331 Meadows Drive in Grayling, offers a Alzheimer's Dementia Support Group the second Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. The support sessions provide information and a chance for questions and answers regarding Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia. For more information, call Sean at (517) 348-2801.

Senior Center plans trip to casino

Seniors interested in the "Lucky 7" Casino Trip planned for January 18, to depart at 9:30 a.m. should call the Senior Center at 348-7123 to make a reservation.

Snowshoe festival to be held

Looking for a way to have fun in the snow? Well, you can take a hike -- on snowshoes. The Michigan Snowshoe Center in Roscommon is hosting Snowshoe Winter Trails 2001, Saturday Jan. 13, a day of snowshoeing for the entire family! The event will be held at the CCC Lake State Park. Winter Trails is presented by American Hiking Society (AHS) and Snowlink.com, the official consumer web site for SnowSports Industries America (SIA). The Snowshoe Center will have a variety of activities for all abilities. In addition to free snowshoe demos, there will be guided snowshoe hikes at 10:00 and 1:00 that will allow participants to enjoy a comfortable walk through the North Higgins Lake State Park grounds. The one day event is geared toward summer hikers, families, fit-

ness walkers, school groups and youth organizations that are interested in learning more about the sport of snowshoeing. New snowshoes will be available for use to people participating in a Winter Trails day event. Programs and activities will include the basics on getting started, back country etiquette, how to dress, picking the right shoes, and winter safety. Winter Trails 2001 is modeled after AHS's National Trails Day, a day of local events designed to bring people to hiking trails as the guests of trail clubs and agencies. This year there will be 10 Winter Trails events across the country. In 2000, the Winter Trails event had 6,645 participants. For more information, contact the Michigan Snowshoe Center at 800-478-8151 or visit their website at www.snowshoecenter.com.

Snowmobile association to host trail stop event

The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) will be hosting a "trail stop" for snowmobilers on Saturday, January 13, on a trail near Frederic. The event will start at about noon and wrap up around 4 p.m.

A "trail stop" is an event on a snowmobile trail where snowmobilers can stop and get a cup of coffee or hot chocolate, eat a hot dog, and take a break.

The AVSA will also be offering applications for the membership into the association. Also, distinctive hats and sweatshirts with the AVSA's logo on them will be on sale. Members of the association will be present to answer any questions about the trails or snowmobiling.

The association owns two snowmobile trail groomers with which it grooms over 70 miles of trail for the Grayling area. Both groomers will be at the trail stop.

According to the AVSA, the intent of the trail stops are to acquaint snowmobilers with the Grayling area, including trails that now lead right to downtown Grayling. Last season, the association hosted trail stops events and a good time was had by all, AVSA members said.

The AVSA trail stop will be held on January 13 at the new snowmobile parking lot located at the intersection of the Blue Bear Trail and County Road 612 just west of Frederic.

The trail stop is being made possible by the donations of Rochette's IGA, Gray Rock Cafe, and McDonald's Restaurant, all of Grayling.

All snowmobilers are welcome at the event, and the location can be reached by wheeled vehicle if you don't have a snowmobile. If you have any questions, call Neal at 348-6592 or Doug at 348-8541.

Local hiking group to host snowshoe event

The Hanson Hills Hikers, a local hiking group formed in the summer of 2000, would like to welcome area residents to join members of the group for a day in the beautiful outdoors on January 16 for a snowshoe hike at Hanson Hills.

On Tuesday, January 16, the beginners group, which will stay on flat terrain, will meet at 2 p.m.

Experienced hikers, who will be climbing hills, will meet at 4 p.m.

Participants should meet at the Main Lodge at Hanson Hills.

Cost for participation will be \$15 for snowshoe rental. There will be no cost for those with their own snowshoes.

For more information, call (517) 348-9266.

K of C Free Throw contest to be held this weekend

All boys and girls, ages nine to 14, are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2001 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

The local competition will be held January 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School gym.

There is no fee to participate in

the event. Entry forms may be picked up at Grayling Elementary School, AuSable Primary School, Grayling Middle School, and Frederic Elementary School or by calling Bill Nielson at 348-4441. Any questions regarding the free throw competition may be directed to Nielson.

Mercy offers low-cost Body Composition Assessment

Start taking an active role in your health. Mercy Hospital Grayling will be offering Body Composition Assessments on Thursday, January 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Occupational/Employee Health Department. Learn your body fat stores, muscle mass and metabolic rate. This is a five-minute process done by a Registered Dietician using

a bio-electrical impedance machine. Confidential results are generated immediately and an explanation sheet is available for you to take home.

Information on nutrition and exercise will also be available. There is no pre-registration. Cost is \$5. For more information, call (517) 348-0708.

Superbowl XXXV Party up for grabs

Where will you be watching the Superbowl this year? WWTW/WWUP-TV, 9&10 News has partnered with Bay Mills Resort and Casinos to give someone a chance to win a Superbowl XXXV party for one winner and 20 of his/her friends at Bay Mills Sports Bar in Brimley.

There is also the opportunity to win a recliner and a floor lamp from Everson's Home Furnishings.

To enter, register at Bay Mills Casino and Resorts or send a postcard to: Bay Mills Superbowl XXXV Party, 9&10 News, P.O. Box 627, Cadillac, MI 49601.

Entrants must be 21 years of age to be eligible to win. All eligible entries received by Friday, January 19 will be included in the Tuesday, January 23 drawing on "Michigan This Morning."

For official rules, go to Bay Mills Resort and Casinos or log on to: www.9and10news.com.

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The Bible Speaks

Are you Happy?

Happiness is often the result of happenings. When we trust in things, circumstances, and people to bring us happiness we are often left disappointed and depressed. We teach little children in church to sing, "Happiness is the Lord!" If you have been blessed by trusting Jesus Christ as your Savior, then you have many reasons to be happy. First, we should be happy that our sins are forgiven. "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." (Psa. 103:12) We sing a little chorus about that verse called, "My Sins Are Blotted Out I Know." All my sins and guilt are gone!

Next, as a Christian we have been blessed with eternal life! Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (John 10:27-29)

Next, as a Christian we have the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in our heart and life. Jesus promised in Matthew 28:20, "...I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" He promised us in Hebrews

13:5, "...and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." His presence should make us content under all circumstances.

Next, as a Christian we have the guiding Word of God to bring daily delight. "Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights." (Psa. 119:143) "Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction." (Psa. 119:92) "Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight." (Psa. 119:77) "Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors." (Psa. 119:24) "I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches." (Psa. 119:14)

Next, as a Christian we have the promise of a home in Heaven. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:1-3)

Next, as a Christian we have an eternal inheritance. "Blessed be the God

and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Pet 1:3-5)

Finally, we should be happy by the abiding Holy Spirit. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." (John 14:16) "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26) Be Happy! Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Diabetes education classes, support group offered

Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) in Gaylord is offering free Diabetes Education Classes in a five-part series, beginning January 15. The program is intended for persons with diabetes, family members, friends and/or caretakers.

Class size is limited and OMH reserves the right to offer the program to those who have not had the opportunity to attend in the past. Anyone who has already attended in the past, but would like to repeat one or more of the sessions, should call ahead of time. Class size will determine whether or not a repeat can be offered.

This session's schedule is as follows:

(Part I) January 15, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Introduction: "The Basics" - Learn about diabetes and how to live with it.

(Part II) January 22, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - The "Nuts & Bolts" of

Diabetes & Nutrition - Learn about meal planning, carbohydrate counting and food exchanges. Also, a guided grocery store tour with OMH's Registered Dietician is scheduled the final week of this series.

(Part III) January 29, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Medications & Insulin: "How They Effect You," from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Heart Disease: "What You Need to Know."

(Part IV) February 5, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Exercise: "A Necessary Tool for Good Control," from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Foot Care: "Don't Take Anything for Granted."

(Part V) February 12, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Grocery Store Tour (Location to be determined.)

Classes will be held in the OMH boardroom. Pre-registration is required to attend. Call (517) 731-2193 to register. The next series of classes will be offered beginning March 5, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Also, a Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the OMH Cafeteria Annex. Everyone is welcome.

No pre-registration is required for the support group; call ahead on the meeting day in case of cancellation.

Card of Thanks

From the Crawford County Community Christian HELP Center:

I would like to thank the many people of Crawford County who helped make Christmas 2000 a huge success at the Christian HELP Center. Marianne Gosnell - Toys for Tots Coordinator who did a great job; All of the people who contributed toys and the businesses who allowed collection boxes at their locations; The many people and groups who brought in warm mittens, hats, gloves, socks and lots of Christmas candy; The groups and

individuals who adopted families to help for Christmas; The groups who sponsored Food Drives (they were all successful); The individuals who gave us donations of food and money (many of whom did not even leave their names); Last but not least The HELP Center Volunteers who worked many extra hours to help make this project a success.

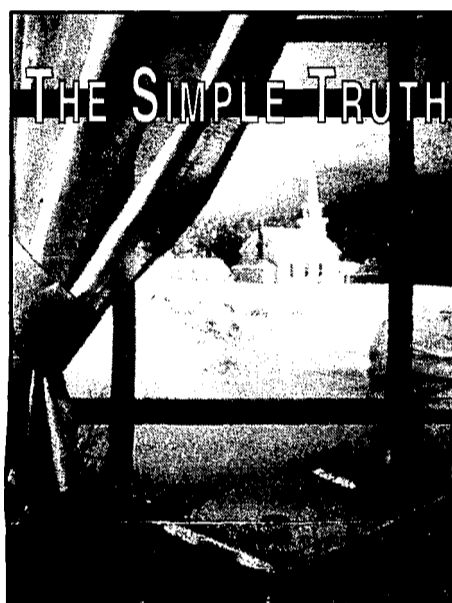
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The truth for today is the very Bible that has inspired great leaders throughout history, the unchanging Book that can guide you through today and a maze of tomorrows. As you worship this week, remember God's Word, for that is the simple truth.

"We search the world for truth; we cull
The good, the pure, the beautiful,
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We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read."

-John Greenleaf Whittier

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Matthew	Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke
2:13-23	4:16-30	4:31-44	5:1-16	5:17-39	6:1-19	6:20-49

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Michigan receives \$18 million for home heating assistance

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Rep. Dave Camp (R-Michigan) announced late last week the release of \$18 million to Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) emergency funds to Michigan.

Camp has supported efforts to assist low-income households in coping with high fuel prices during the winter in Michigan.

The price of heating oil and natural gases have continued to rise above earlier projections. The Department of Energy now projects that heating oil prices this winter will be 29 percent higher than last winter, and natural gas prices will be 40 percent higher than last winter.

"The people in Michigan need help to fight these rising gas prices. Many families are forced to choose between food and clothing or paying these high heating bills," Camp said. "This is not a solution to our lack of affordable energy, however, it will be a great help this cold winter. I will continue to work hard to find a solution."

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The FAFSA, available from high school counselors or at www.fafsa.ed.gov, collects information that is used to determine how much the family is expected to contribute toward the student's education (Expected Family Contribution, or EFC). Families usually receive a Student Aid Report three to four weeks after submitting the FAFSA form. It will summarize the data reported on the application. (Families can get estimates of what their EFC may be and the costs of attending specific institutions by using ACT's Financial Aid Need Estimator at www.act.org/fane.) Families can find information on more than 600,000 scholarships totaling more than \$1.6 billion at

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Financial Aid tips from ACT:

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- Apply for scholarships and grants.
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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Thought for your week ahead: "I will not permit any man to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him." Booker T. Washington.

The menu is listed Lunch/Dinner. Jan. 10 - Swiss Steak/ Chicken Pot Pie; Commodities distributed at the Eagle's Club 9:30 - 10:30; Fun and Games at 12:30; Birthday Dinner and White Elephant Auction beginning at 5.

Jan. 11 - Baked Ham/Beef Stew; BP's taken from 11 til noon; Personnel committee meets at 4:30; Cardo at 5:30.

Jan. 12 - Chicken Stir Fry/no dinner; Pantry Bingo at 1 and 80 cent Rummy in the Rec Room.

Jan. 13 - Saturday - Foot Clinic, by appointment and bring your towel.

Jan. 15 - Meatloaf/Pepper Steak; Hangman at 5:30.

Jan. 16 - Chicken Chow Mein/Chopped Sirloin; Dominoes at 12:30; Finance Committee meets at 3.

Jan. 17 - Liver and Onions/Beef Tips and Noodles; Hearing Clinic by appointment; and COA Board meets at 5:30. Everyone is welcome to come and hear, for themselves, and not rely on hear-say, what is going on here at your center.

Our Congregate Dining Program consists of two meals, Monday through Thursday and one on Friday. Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at 517-348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for, however, walk-ins are more than welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS

Crawford County Library
Federal tax forms and booklets are available at the Crawford County Library. Volume I of reproducible federal tax forms is on file and copies can be made for 25 cents a page.

Michigan tax forms have been mailed out to residences. Additional copies will be mailed to public libraries on January 15.

The first newsletter for 2001 is also available with an article about the new library, Chad's Corner and "Stories from Santa."

No registration is necessary. Dates for the Second Saturday Story Hours are January 13, February 10, March 10 and May 12.

For more information call the Crawford County Library at 348-9214. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday noon to 3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215

Beaver Creek Township Library is open Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6 p.m.-9 p.m. and Wednesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Phone is (517) 275-2808.

Frederic Community Library is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone is 348-4067.

MILITARY NEWS

Army Pvt. Jason M. Thompson has graduated from the unit supply specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, VA.

The student was trained in receipt, storage, issue and accountability of individual, organization, and installation supplies and equipment, and included training in maintenance of small arms.

Thompson is the son of Karen L. Robbins of Linden and Michael G. Thompson of Grayling.

He is a 1999 graduate of Linden High School.

OBITUARIES

Ann Failing
Dec. 13, 1918 - Jan. 3, 2001
Ann Failing, 82, of Grayling, died at Grayling Nursing Centre on January 3, 2001.

Ann was born on December 13, 1918 in Allison to Mary (Lewandowski) and Frank Samkowiak. She married Horace "Leroy" Failing on November 21, 1941 in Gaylord.

Mrs. Failing lived in Grayling since 1940. After 26 years she retired from Mercy Hospital, where she worked as a dietician. She was a homemaker who made her own bread from scratch. She volunteered at St. Mary's Catholic Church preparing and taking care of the Altar linen. Ann's leisure time was spent walking her two dogs, Pepper and Curly, sitting on her porch watching the school kids walk by and praying the rosary.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Leroy who passed away in 1996.

Survivors include: one daughter, Lorraine Failing of Venice, Florida; one son, James (Marina) Failing of Grayling; four grandchildren, Penny (Corey) Derenzy of Grayling, Paul (Phyllis) Failing of Gaylord, Brian (Jennifer) Johnson of St. Louis, Missouri and Neil Johnson of Auburn Hills; one great-grandchild, Alyssa Marie Johnson; three sisters, Sophia Borowiak of Gaylord, Julia (Joseph) Latuszek of Gaylord and Eleanor Aho of Brutus; two brothers, Kise (Barbara) Samkowiak and Norman Samkowiak both of Gaylord.

Mass of Christian Burial was on January 8, 2001 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, followed by a lunch. Reverend Robert Nalley officiated.

Memorials can be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Frances B. Lenkowski
Aug 11, 1914 - Jan. 3, 2001
Frances B. Lenkowski, 86, died on January 3, 2001.

Frances was born on August 11, 1914 to Frank and Anna Pashakarnis who emigrated from Vilnius, Lithuania in the early 1900s. She married William Lenkowski in August 1937.

Mrs. Lenkowski developed businesses in St. Ignace ("The Coffee Shop") and Grayling ("Cottage Inn Resort"). She retired to Toledo, Ohio and West Palm Beach, Florida; she became a Block Watch Captain and taught quilting classes, which included the Cathedral Window Quilt. She lived semi-independently at Michigan Christian Home in June, 2000 until her death.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include: one sister, Geraldine Kelly of St. Ignace; two daughters, Charlene (Terry) Wickering of Grand Rapids and Bonnie Reilly of Toledo, Ohio; one son, Bill (Cherie) Lenkowski of Hoffman Estates, Illinois; grandchildren, Camille O'Connell, Adrienne Clahassey-Flood, Matt, Katie and Jennifer Reilly, Nathan, David and Adam Lenkowski; 12 great-grandchildren and several nieces.

Funeral services were held at Blessed Sacrament Church in Toledo, Ohio on January 6, 2001.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of N.W. Ohio, 30000 E. River Rd. Perrysburg, Ohio, 43551. Hospice of Holland Home, Breton Manor 2589 44th St. S.E. Grand Rapids, 49512. Memorial Mass requests may be sent to Blessed Sacrament Church, 4227 Bellevue Rd., Toledo, Ohio, 43613.

Doyle W. Kunkel
April 4, 1923 - Jan. 4, 2001
Doyle W. Kunkel, 77, of Grayling died January 4, 2001 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

Doyle was born on April 4, 1923 in Paris, Illinois, to George Washington and Effie (Holly) Kunkel. He married Betty Spaulding on June 21, 1958, in Hazel Park.

Mr. Kunkel served in WWII in the U.S. Navy as a Navy Seal, and eventually retired from the Chrysler Corporation after 30 years of truck driving for them. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 3736 in Grayling and a 32nd degree Mason with the Grayling Masonic Lodge. Doyle's leisure time was spent fly fishing, fly tying, building fishing rods and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and one brother.

Survivors include: his wife Betty; eight daughters, Jackie Cioe of Fruitport, Brenda (Ed) Wilson of Traverse City, Barbara (Ernie) Olson of Middleville, Debbie Vezina of Traverse City, Gwendolyn (Gerald) Payne of Traverse City, Glenna (Jerry) Thomas of Empire, Linda Templeton of Prescott and Patricia Coie of Chicago, Illinois; one son, Michael Kunkel; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on January 6, 2001 at Sorenson Funeral Home, with Reverend Joseph Carpenter officiating.

Burial will be at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.

Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

MERCY BIRTHS

John Walsh and Sandy Busch of Roscommon announce the arrival of Rachael Walsh born November 24, 2000.

Jason and Julie Huston of Lake City announce the arrival of Amelia Jean Huston born December 25, 2000.

Dale Williams, Jr. and Cassandra Maples of Grayling announce the arrival of Jasmine Alleen Williams born December 26, 2000.

Crystal Berry of Houghton Lake announces the arrival of Brittany Berry born December 27, 2000.

Rachel Miller of Prudenville announces the arrival of Jacob Donte Miller born December 27, 2000.

Ben and Leighann Hewitt of North Branch announce the arrival of Seth David Hewitt born December 28, 2000.

HONORS

Phillips Academy
Anneliese Finke (Class of 2003), daughter of Detmar and Carol Finke of Grayling, has been named to the honor roll of Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., for the fall term after maintaining at least a 5-point grade average on a 6-point scale.

Missouri Valley College
Marianne Vollmer, daughter of Robert and Catherine Vollmer of Grayling, has been named to the dean's list for the Fall semester of 2000 at Missouri Valley College. To attain a place on the dean's list, students must have at least a 3.3 GPA on a 4.0 scale, with no grades below a C and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Mlcek - Allen Engaged



Mandee Suzanne Mlcek and Troy Patrick Allen

Jerry and Dee Mlcek of Grayling are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Mande Suzanne Mlcek to Troy Patrick Allen, son of Lew and Patricia Allen of Battle Creek.

Mandee received a bachelor's degree in women's studies from Michigan State University in 1999. Mandee is a legal advocate for

Domestic Violence Project, S.A.F.E. House, Inc. in Ann Arbor.

Troy received a bachelor's degree in economics and management from Adrian in 1996. Troy is employed as a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch in Ann Arbor.

A September 8, 2001 wedding is being planned to take place in Battle Creek.

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10

District Health Department #10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for January. Please call 348-7800 for appointments.

Immunizations Clinics - January 3 and 12.

Family Planning - January 9, 16 and 23.

Premarital Class - No Longer Required.

Optional/Confidential HIV/AIDS testing - January 10 in the A.M.

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children - January 3, 8, 11, 12, 17, 22, 25 and 29.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening - January 10 (Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This Program is available to

women ages 40-64, who have limited or no health insurance.

Other services available:

- Maternal/Infant Support-Families Matter
- Environmental Health (well and septic permits, food service, water testing, etc.)
- HIV/AIDS testing
- OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training Session.
- Free Hearing and Vision Screenings for ages 3-18 by appointment, as scheduled.
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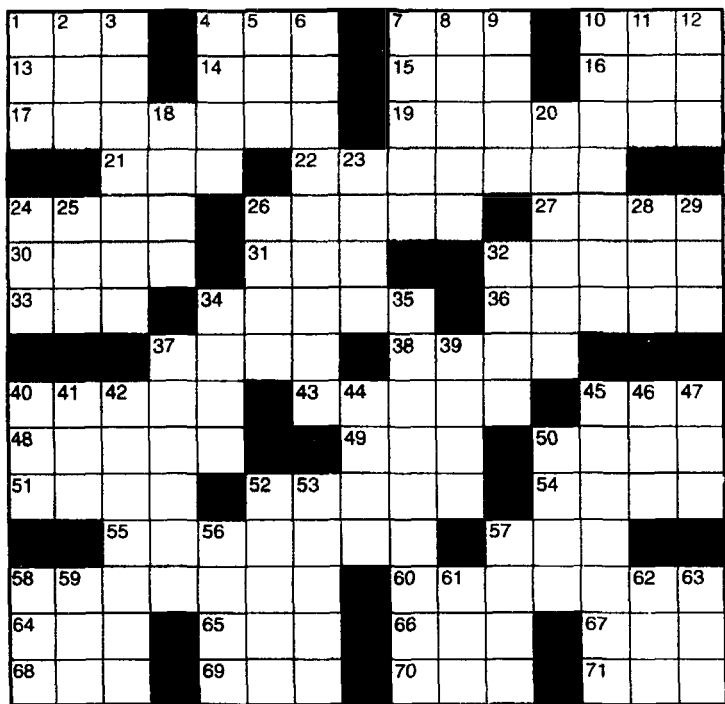
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FEATURES

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ACROSS

1. Congressional passage
4. Spoil
7. ___ dispatch of 1870
10. Bobsey girl
13. Pro-ERA gp.
14. Hot season, on the Riviera
15. Forfeits game
16. Doll
17. Apartment house employees
19. Olden time indicator
21. Saint, in Mozambique
22. Jaffa and Seville
24. Electrical measure
26. Stopl, nautically
27. Knott's role on "The Andy Griffith Show"
30. Tract
31. ___ Juan
32. Monica of tennis
33. DDE's party: abbr.
34. Clerestory's relative
36. 19th U.S. president
37. If the ___ fits...
38. News item, for short
40. Prop up
43. Stone- or acid-washed material
45. Flanders and McBain
48. Massachusetts city
49. Toothpullers' gp.
50. "I ___ Pretty"

DOWN

51. Prayer response
52. Holy ___
54. Host
55. Strict routine
57. Thurs. follower: abbr.
58. Type of chance
60. Crash accompaniment, often
64. Paul Simon's "___ Trick Pony"
65. Pick at
66. Distinctive period
67. Mystery writer
68. Whale group
69. Smart ___ whip (2 words)
70. Singer Orbison
71. Cowpoke's nickname

18. Pickpocket, to Pedro
20. Beat
23. Indian princess
24. ___ paint
25. Form of "to be"
26. Concerning (2 words)
28. Professional charge
29. Snaky letter
32. Wedge of metal
34. Throaty sound
35. Compressing device
37. Commotions
39. Seamstress' ___ tape
40. Youth gp.
41. Ewe's mister
42. Prompted
44. Heart's-___
45. Most macabre
46. FDR or JFK, e.g.
47. Like a fox
50. Cabbaging cost
52. Golden-touch king
53. Greek finale
56. Actress Lollobrigida
57. Noisy quarrel
58. Oola's Alley
59. One: Spanish
61. Early Scots fine
62. Signal
63. Bewitch

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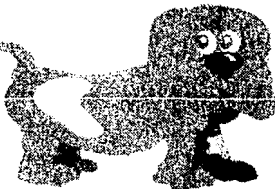
The average life span of a coin is about 25 years.



During her lifetime, Mrs. Fyodor Vassilyev gave birth to 16 sets of twins, 7 sets of triplets, and 4 sets of quadruplets-69 children in all.

PET PHOTOS

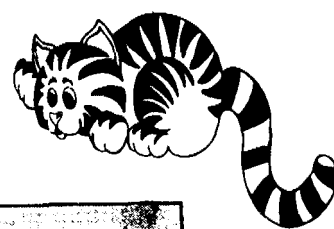
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Fritz is a 3 or 4 year old neutered male beagle mix. He is housebroken and very gentle. He just wants someone to love him.



Princess is a long haired tortoiseshell cat. Very friendly. Probably 3 or 4 years old.



RECIPE OF THE WEEK



FLAVORFUL LIGHT COUNTRY SUPPER

6 potatoes, thinly sliced
1 bunch broccoli, trimmed and sliced

4 carrots, sliced
1/2 cup celery, sliced
1 medium onion, chopped
Salt and Pepper
1 lb. Turkey Smoked Sausage or Polska Kielbasa

Saute sliced potatoes, broccoli, carrots, celery and onion in oil for 10 minutes. Salt and pepper to taste. Place sausages or kielbasa on top when vegetables are tender. Heat 12 minutes, covered.

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



Grayling Vikings win 67-66 against Boyne City, January 6, 1978

23 Years Ago January 12, 1978

Old Man Winter struck with a fury over the past week, dumping almost 10 inches of snow in the area while temperatures plunged to a chill factor of over 30 degrees below zero, whipped by 25 miles per hour winds; still calm and beautiful though, the AuSable River continues to flow through Crawford County while snow piles up on neighboring fences.

Grayling Vikings had a big win over Boyne City on January 6, with a close score of 67-66; Geoff Stencil led the Vike scoring with 18 points, Randy McClain added 14, while Jeff Parkinson hit double figures with 10, Tim Krey chipped in with 9, Dan Niederer had 8, Rocky Tobin added 6 and Skip Olsen had 2 points.

Willard Bosserman, Cooperative Extension Director for Crawford and Roscommon counties, last Friday received the Michigan Polar-Equator Club "Conservation Achievement Award" for 1977, the first ever awarded; presented by Dale Williams, President elect.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dixon of Grayling announce the arrival of a son, Larry Robert, on December 31, 1977.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael LaChappelle of Grayling announce the birth of a son, Christopher Michael on January 5, 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. James Collen of Grayling are happy to announce the arrival of a son, Joseph Michael, on January 5, 1978.

Navy Machinists Mate Fireman Apprentice Keith R. Millard, son of William H. Millard of 701 Maple Street, recently completed training

in the Indian Ocean; Millard is a 1976 graduate of Grayling High School.

Mae Niederer received a phone call from her mother in law, Lela Niederer of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., saying that she saw the satellite that they launched earlier in the week and she watched it until it was out of sight.

46 Years Ago January 13, 1955

Bill Cox has purchased the home of the John Peterson family on Michigan Avenue. The Petersons hope to move into their new home on the AuSable River about February 1.

A son, who has been called David, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vajda at Mercy Hospital on January 9.

Don's Radio Shop offered a three-piece bedroom set for \$139.50 and a living room set for \$179.00.

69 Years Ago January 14, 1932

Oscar Hanson played golf yesterday on the Grayling course, just to say he played in January. Today you'll probably see Esbern Olson, another golf enthusiast on the course.

Conrad Sorenson, while hunting rabbits yesterday afternoon, accidentally shot off the two last fingers on his left hand. He was wiping snow off of the barrel of his gun when it discharged. Others in the hunting party were his brother Harry Sorenson, Tony Nelson and Earle Hewitt.

The bear which has been prowling around the Winter Park must have chased "Old Man Winter"

away, as now we are entirely without snow and the thermometer has hovered between 40 and 50 degrees above zero.

A & P offered Northern toilet tissue 3 for 25 cents, Bananas 2 pounds for 29 cents. Cigarette brands for \$1.99 a carton and the expensive brands like Viceroy and Winston for \$2.99 a carton. Blackberry 8 inch pies were 39 cents.

New Gulf Traffic tires are on sale for \$15.95 at Grayling Gulf Service at 607 Cedar Street.

The Grayling Bears independent basketball team outplayed a fast, sharp shooting Manton Oilers team on the floor but succumbed to heavy pressure at the foul line. Manton floored a tall, rangy five which Grayling had trouble guarding without fouling.

92 Years Ago January 14, 1909

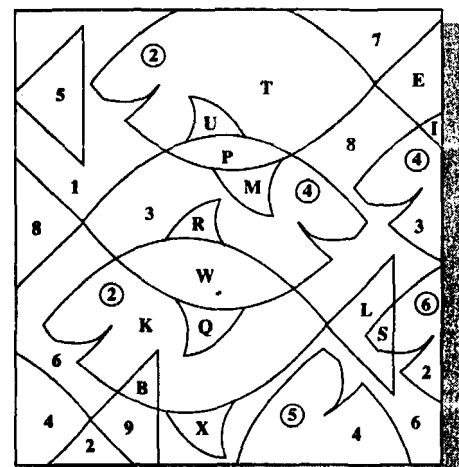
The School Districts No. 1 of Twp. 28N and R3W, are closed for a week fearing diphtheria, one child having died with symptoms of the disease, and all are wanting to be on the safe side.

Victor Salling has made a much needed improvement by placing a stove in the Temple Theatre for the benefit of the patrons, to make them more comfortable, and the pictures are all up to date, and life-like.

A farewell surprise party was given in honor of Camilla Fischer by some of her friends at the home of Evelyn Woodfield on January 11th. She was presented with a very pretty ring and all spent a very enjoyable evening.

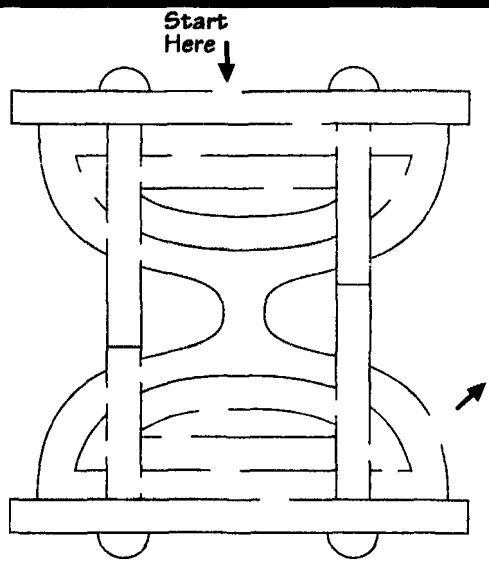


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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	8a.m.
1/3	26	16	17
1/4	22	17	21
1/5	32	20	32
1/6	33	22	22
1/7	35	22	24
1/8	25	-13	-11
1/9	13	-11	11

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather)

Wednesday- Chilly with High Level Clouds. High 27, Low 24
Thursday- Cool and Mainly Cloudy. High 35, Low 22
Friday- Cool, and Mainly Cloudy. High 35, Low 23
Saturday- Mostly Cloudy. High 32, Low 27

46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencing for October - December 2000

Honorable Dennis F. Murphy:

Darnell Lamont Loyd, Jr. of Standish: Prisoner-Possess Weapon- 24-60 months with Michigan Department of Corrections, \$60 CVF.

Michael James Hatton - Prisoner Possessing Contraband - 12-30 months with Michigan Department of Corrections, \$60 CVF.

Donald Joseph Dorsten, Jr. of Waters: Financial Transaction, Utter/Publish - 270 days jail, \$500 fine, \$250 costs, \$60 CVF, 36 months probation.

Henry Willis Kobel of Roscommon: Fleeing Police 4th Degree - 180 days jail (90 days now, 90 days held in abeyance) \$240 costs, \$60 CVF, \$350 Attorney fees and 24 months probation.

Jack Oswald - Warren Frost - CSC 3rd degree - 17-180 months with Michigan Department of Corrections, \$60 CVF.

Clinton Alley of Roscommon: Count I - Assault with Intent Sexual Penetration; Count II - Assault Harm Less than Murder - 67-120 months with Michigan Department of Corrections, \$60 CVF.

Gustav Johann Preinl of Grayling: OUIL 2nd - 365 days jail, \$200 fine, \$300 costs, \$50 CVF and 24 months probation.

Honorable Alton T. Davis:

James Earl Billups, Jr. of Detroit: Controlled Substance Delivery less than 50 grams - 60-240 months with Michigan Department of Corrections, \$60 CVF.

Anthony Joseph Hart of Grayling:

Probation Violation - 32-48 months with Michigan Department of Corrections.

Brian Paul Sparks of Ithaca - Obstruction of Justice - 270 days jail, \$300 costs, \$191.26 Restitution, \$60 CVF, \$350 attorney fees and 36 months Probation.

Thomas Charles King of Frederic: Break and Enter with Intent - 270 days jail, \$300 costs, \$737 Restitution, \$60 CVF, \$350 attorney fees and 36 months Probation.

Nicholas James Lovely of Grayling: Probation Violation - 365 days in jail.

Russell Edwin Muse of Grayling: Aggravated Stalking - 365 days jail, \$300 costs, \$11,199.18 Restitution, \$60 CVF, \$350 attorney fees and 60 months probation.

Gregory Lee Welser of Grayling: Controlled Substance Possess less than 25 grams - 180 days jail (held in abeyance) \$150 fine, \$300 costs, \$60 CVF, \$150 Forensic Lab Fee and 36 months probation.

Daniel David Rich of Snover: OUIL, 3rd - 365 days jail (held in abeyance) \$500 fine, \$300 costs, \$60 CVF and 24 months Probation.

Benito Valles: Prisoner Possession Contraband, 12-60 months with Michigan Department of Corrections, \$60 CVF.

Justin Michael Boss of Fraser: Unarmed Robbery, 36-180 months with Michigan Department of Corrections, \$60 CVF.

Allen Lee Watts, Jr. of Grayling: Break and Enter with Intent - 180

days jail (held in abeyance) \$240 costs, \$60 CVF, \$350 attorney fees and 24 months probation.

Michael D. Stewart of Grayling: Probation Violation - 90 days jail, Probation Reinstated with additional 2 years.

Michael Glen Hatton of St. Helen: Count I: Deliver/Manufacture Marijuana; Count II: Deliver/Manufacture Marijuana; Count 98: Habitual Offender - 35-96 months with Michigan Department of Corrections, \$60 CVF.

Frankie Joe Schweizer of Grayling: Fleeing a Police Officer 3rd - 365 days jail and \$60 CVF.

Honorable John G. Hunter:

Larry Ray Bachman of Grayling: OUIL - 365 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$360 costs, \$60 CVF and 36 months probation.

Gail Laverne Bishop of Grayling: OUIL 3rd - 120 days jail (held in abeyance) \$500 fine, \$250 costs,

\$60 CVF and 24 months probation.

Patrick Keith Love of Detroit: Controlled Substance Possess less than 25 grams - 60 days jail (30 days now, 30 days held in abeyance) \$1,000 fine, \$240 costs, \$60 CVF and 24 months probation.

Richard Elwood Boonie of Grayling: Break and Enter with intent - 240 days jail, \$300 costs, Restitution T.B.D., \$60 CVF, \$350 attorney fees and 36 months probation.

Steve Allen May of Birch Run: Break and Enter with intent - 180 days jail, \$60 CVF and 36 months probation.

Dawn Marie Howell of Grayling: Break and Enter with intent - 120 days jail, \$300 costs, \$60 CVF, \$350 attorney fees and 24 months probation.

Matthew Joel Ashton of Grayling: OUIL 3rd - 180 days jail (held in abeyance) \$500 fine, \$300 costs, \$60 CVF and 24 months probation.

83RD DISTRICT COURT

Sentencing for October 2000

Honorable John G. Hunter:

Michael Joseph Nagy, 46, of Frederic: Phone call- malicious use-threatening- ordered to pay \$110 fines/costs and/or 10 days in jail.

Alexander Campbell Sharp, 21, of Grayling: OUIL - ordered to pay \$1,349 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail, placed on 365 days probation.

Clint Walker Sinclair, 28, of Adrian: Careless Driving - ordered to pay \$125 fines/costs.

Douglas Ray Bemis, 34, of Roscommon: Disturbance of the peace - ordered to pay \$160 fines/costs and/or 16 days in jail.

John R. Popp, 34, of Fremont: OUIL - ordered to pay \$850 fines/costs and placed on 365 days probation.

Willard James Tobin, 67, of Grayling: Impaired Driving - ordered to pay \$430 fines/costs.

Jason Michael Neely, 26, of Grayling: Impaired Driving - ordered to pay \$430 fines/costs and/or 43 days in jail.

Maryellen Rose Nowlin, 38, of Grayling: OUIL - ordered to pay \$1,250 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail, placed on 365 days probation.

Brian Curt Robinson, 25, of Grayling: OUIL - ordered to pay

\$900 fines/costs and/or 90 days in jail, placed on 365 days probation.

Michael William Hoffman, 46, of Grayling: Impaired Driving - ordered to pay \$430 fines/costs and/or 43 days in jail.

Andrew Dale Smith, 19, of Grayling: Impaired Driving - ordered to pay \$430 fines/costs and/or 43 days in jail.

David Scott Brusk, 38, of Grand Rapids: Impaired Driving - ordered to pay \$380 fines/costs.

Jeffrey Max Averill, 38, of Davison: Attempt to resist and obstruct officer- ordered to pay \$1,110 fines/costs and/or 110 days in jail.

Patricia Rose Cox, 42, of Frederic: Disturbance of the peace - ordered to pay \$160 fines/costs and/or 16 days in jail.

Frankie Joe Schweizer, 37, of Grayling: Malicious Destruction of Personal Property under \$100 - ordered to pay \$385 fines/costs, \$152.71 in restitution and/or 30 days in jail.

Ronald Patrick Sturdevan, II, 27, of Roscommon: Non-Sufficient Funds under \$100 - ordered to pay \$160 fines/costs, \$43.34 in restitution and/or 20 days in jail.

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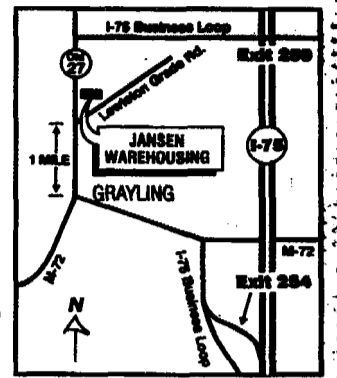


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SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 101 calls the week of December 18 - 26:

Six larceny, one motor vehicle theft, one damage to property, one family offense/abuse/neglect, three public peace/disorderly, one hit and run motor vehicle accident, one OUIL/UBAL, two driving violations/DWLS etc., six health and safety (four animal control), two conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, one delinquent minors, 21 traffic accidents, one non-traffic accident, one valid alarm, six false alarm activations, one accidental fire, one hazardous conditions, one accident-all other, one motor vehicle inspection, one civil matter disputes-family trouble, four suspicious situations, one lost-and found property, one missing persons, 33 general non-criminal, one non-sufficient funds checks, one miscellaneous arrest.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 133 complaints during the three week period of December 17-January 6:

Eight false alarms, three animal control complaints, five misdemeanor arrests, eight assists to other departments, 10 check law violations, 13 city ordinance violations, four civil complaints, four domestic complaints, 10 larcenies, two fire investigations, one OUIL, one forgery, five motorist assists, six suspicious situations, six private property accidents, seven traffic accidents, two misdemeanor citation, one attempt to locate, one assault, two juvenile complaints, three disturbance complaints, 29 unclassified complaints. Twelve traffic warnings were also issued.

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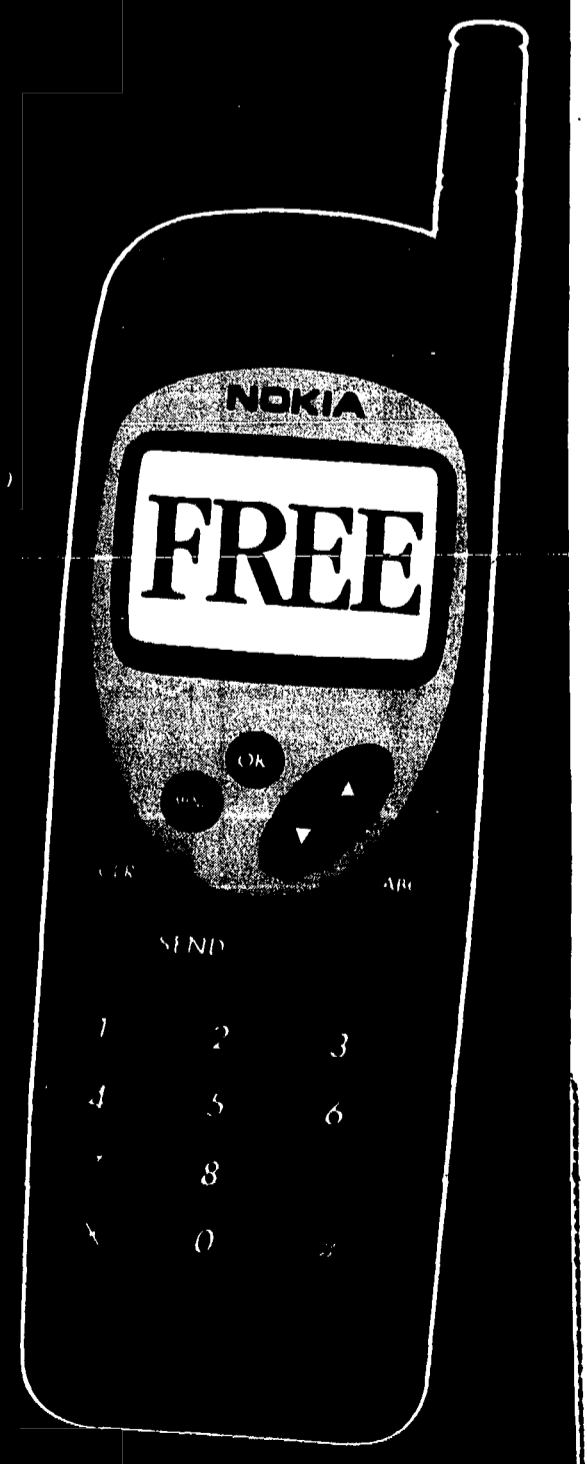
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Reynolds announces he'll retire this year

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high school building in the fall of 1973," he remarked.

Since replacing Superintendent Bill Diedrich in the early 1980s, Reynolds said he is proud of many developments initiated by the district. "I guess I am the most proud of the pro-active, instead of reactive approach the district uses for dealing with change or a crisis. The district has done a good job of planning ahead instead of waiting for a challenge or crisis to happen," Reynolds

referred to the recently developed Crisis Response Plan (CRP), a plan resulting from the shooting incident at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado in April 1999. The CRP is tailored to be age appropriate for each school building and addresses a variety of crises and evacuation plans.

Reynolds said school facilities are in good condition and quality design, with education in mind, is the reason. He still believes plans for high school improvement are

solid and necessary, and said the Board of Education is currently working on a March 20 bond issue to present to the voters.

Reynolds said his biggest disappointment over the years has been the time it has taken for school bond issues to pass. "We have been unable to pass the high school issue and it took a great deal of time to convince the voters of the need and importance of school improvement in the past." He said the middle school improvement issue passed on the fourth attempt and it took seven attempts to pass the primary school/elementary school/technology infrastructure and football field package.

The superintendent can not say enough about the technological planning and advances the district has devised and implemented. "The technological changes within the district have been incredible. Computer technology is not a toy, it is a tool used to open up communications for students and staff. The infrastructure is in place and using

the Internet and computers as instructional tools is not too far off in the future," he said. Reynolds said the district has just completed a three-year technology plan and everything is looking good.

"I am also proud of the district's orientation to people. We like to have those who will be most impacted by a decision, help make the decision," Reynolds remarked. The district is currently in the fourth year of a five-year Strategic Plan to assure an up-to-date and successful education of each student in the district.

Reynolds said he is very proud of the management team that has been assembled in the district, including all department heads and principals. "We have developed unique personnel relationships that will foster a 'business as usual' outcome during the transition to a new superintendent and assistant superintendent," he said. Paul Lerg, CASD Assistant Superintendent is also planning to retire this year, along with Community Education Director R.J. Hannan and District Technology

Director Tom Mills. "I am confident the choices the board will make will allow the district to remain as good as it is and get even better."

Reynolds said he expects a list of candidates for superintendent will be complete by the end of March. Interviews are open to the public.

Reynolds plans to seek part time work, but is most looking forward to spending much more time with his wife, Mary Ann, adult children Karyn and Kevin, and his two young granddaughters. He also plans to enjoy a lot more water sports, sailing, traveling, skiing, and snow-shoeing.

"You know, I might not have liked some of the aspects of this job, but I will really, really miss the people," Reynolds said. "However, it's time for me to move on."

A school board building employee had something to say. "You could never ask for anybody who cares more or works harder," said secretary/receptionist Nancy Wells, "and it has been my pleasure to work for him."



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Superintendent Kent Reynolds said it may take a steam shovel to clean out his office when he retires at the end of this school year. Reynolds has served in his current position for 17 years and has been with the Crawford AuSable School District since 1973.

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Mercy sets policy on abandoned, surrendered newborns

Early last year, the Senate passed legislation directed at preventing newborn abandonment. This legislation took effect January 1, 2001 and makes it legal for a parent to surrender their newborn (under 72 hours of age) in a safe and anonymous manner.

"Over the years, the media has reported stories of abandoned newborns being found in public places in critical medical condition. It is the intent of this law to allow a parent to surrender their newborn to a hospital or an emergency service provider who then can take the child into temporary protective custody and provide needed care," cited Debra Anthony Larson, Director of Quality Management at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

The law allows for a parent to voluntarily leave their newborn in the possession of a hospital or emergency service provider on a confidential basis and without fear of legal action.

"As a response to this new law, Mercy Hospital has developed policy and procedures which will be implemented in the event a newborn

would be surrendered or abandoned at Mercy Hospital. Our procedures will allow for provision of information and confidential assistance for the parent as well as a caring and safe environment for the newborn," said Larson.

By surrendering the newborn, the parent is releasing the newborn to a child-placing agency to be placed for adoption. These arrangements will be made by hospital social workers.

The parent then has 29 days after surrendering the newborn to petition the court to regain custody. A hearing to terminate parental rights occurs after the 29 day period elapses.

Mercy will provide specific information to any parent surrendering their newborn to the hospital or parents may contact the state's "Safe Delivery of Newborns" toll free line for additional information, 1-800-262-4784.

"Mercy Hospital is well prepared to meet the community's expectations regarding this new "Safe Delivery of Newborns Law," commented Larson.

COA program offers peace of mind for families of local senior citizens

Submitted by the Crawford County Commission on Aging

A lot of senior citizens are living alone these days and it is a very scary thought for family members to have a grandparent or parent living alone.

One thing comes to mind... What happens if a senior, living alone, has fallen and can't make it to the phone to call for help? There are a lot of seniors that have fallen and spent hours laying on the floor waiting for someone to come visit to find him or her. Telephone Reassurance is a

program where paid staff at the Commission on Aging (COA) call a senior citizen once in the morning and again in the afternoon, checking on their welfare and perhaps to remind them to take their prescribed medication.

When a client can not be reached, a call will be placed to someone on that senior's emergency contact list.

For more information on the Telephone Reassurance program or to sign up, call the COA at (517) 348-7123 and ask for Elouise, Nova or Betty.

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Varsity basketball 2B

Redskins to include 3rd, 4th graders

► Local youth football program to create a league for 8-9 year olds

The Grayling Redskins Football Program would like to announce that starting next fall, it will be offering a "Junior" Redskins Football Program for 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls ages 8-9.

The junior league will be full-contact with players suited in full equipment. They will play on a scaled-down field with no kick-offs or punting. Teams will play four games in the month of September against other area teams. Practices will be 2-3 days per week starting the last weeks of August.

Since most communities offer similar programs, called "Pop-Warner" or "Rocket Football," the Redskins Board thought this would be a good time to implement this program.

There will also be a Junior Redskins Pom Pom Squad forming that will consist of 3rd and 4th grade girls to perform at halftime of the Junior Redskins games. These two new programs will go along with the successful Redskins Football and Cheerleading Program for 5th-8th graders.

The Redskins Board would like to hear comments from parents to get a feel of how many youths will be participating. To make a comment, or have any questions about the program answered, contact Bud Morgan at 348-2548 or John Schneider at 348-4366.

If you would like to help the Redskins with the cost of this new program, send donations to: AuSable Football League, P.O. Box 1089, Grayling, MI, 49738. Donations are tax deductible.

Vikings wrestle Chiefs, Bobcats

► GHS wrestlers do well in contested matches, forfeits hurt team scores

The GHS wrestling team hosted Cheboygan and Bay City John Glenn in a dual meet last Thursday. The Cheboygan Chiefs defeated both Grayling and Bay City to win the meet.

Grayling opened the contest with matches against the Bobcats of Bay City John Glenn.

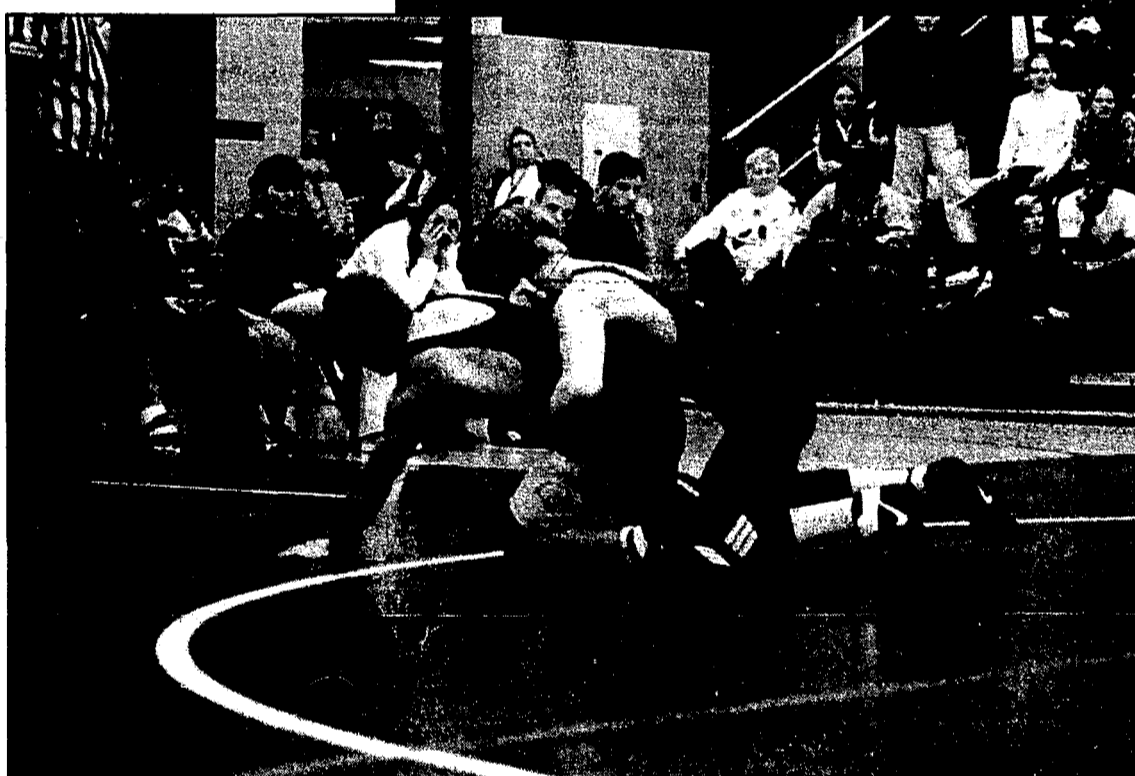
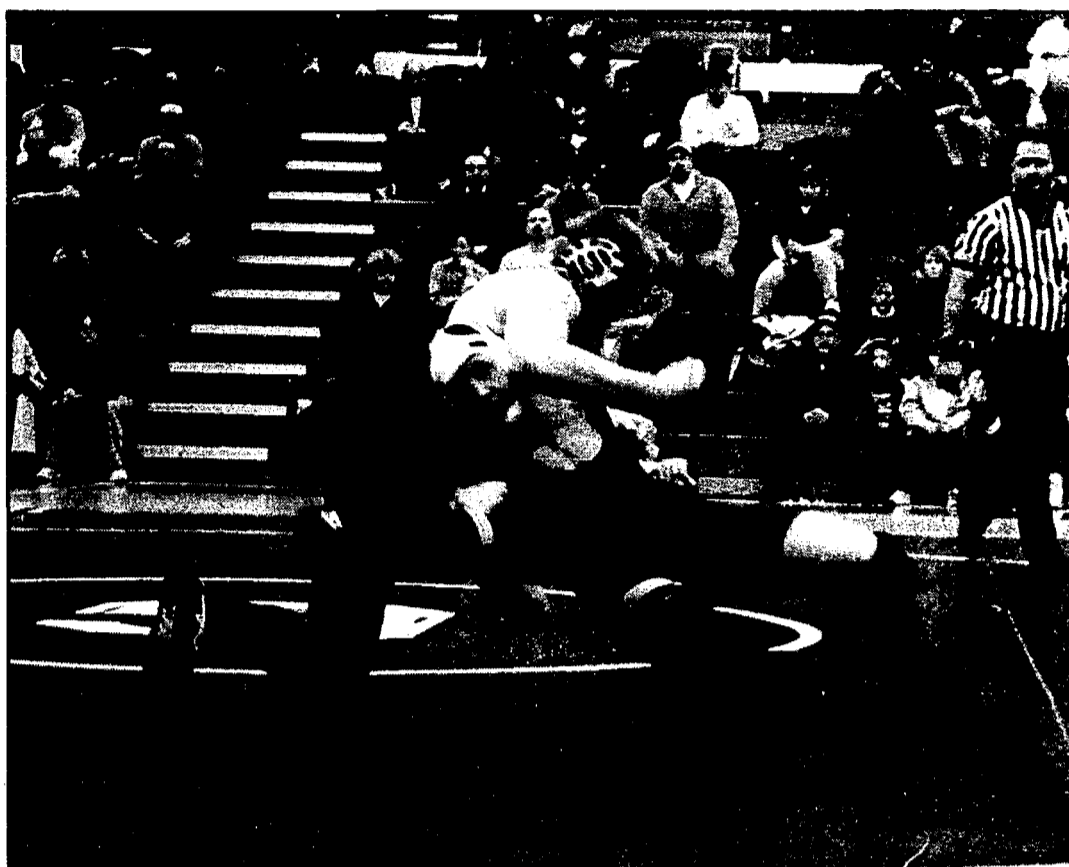
Adam Malone (112) scored a 9-3 win by decision against BCJG to open the GHS scoring.

In the 125-pound division, Andy Palmer pinned his Bay City opponent just 10 seconds into the first round.

Darryl Babbitt (140) pinned his Bobcat counterpart in just 47 seconds.

In the 189-pound division, Victor CdeBaca pinned his Bay City opponent for his 100th career high school wrestling victory.

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Photos by Caleb Casey

(Above) Alfred Borchers (215) grapples with an opponent from Bay City John Glenn in last Thursday night's home dual meet against the Bay City Bobcats and the Cheboygan Chiefs. (Left) Andy Palmer (125) wrestles an opponent from Cheboygan. Palmer won the match by pin just 42 seconds into the match. He pinned his Bay City counterpart in 10 seconds.



Victor CdeBaca
101-53



Chris Peters
102-70

Two GHS wrestlers win 100th match

► CdeBaca, Peters each post 100th career high school wrestling victory

Chris Peters and Victor CdeBaca, both seniors at Grayling High School and currently in their fourth year of wrestling at GHS, recently reached the 100-victory mark for their high school career, a milestone for high school wrestlers.

CdeBaca has earned a trip to the State Wrestling Finals in each of the past two seasons. In his sophomore season, CdeBaca took third at Districts, then qualified for the State Finals with a fourth place finish at Regionals. Last year, CdeBaca posted a 47-14 season record in the 189-pound weight division. He took first in the conference and second at Regionals, and again qualified for State.

This year, CdeBaca is 19-1 in the 189-pound division. He is currently 101-53 in his high school career. He posted his 100th victory on January 4, 2001.

Peters won his 100th career high school wrestling victory on December 16 in Charlevoix. Last year, Peters placed third in the conference and third at Districts to qualify for Regionals in the 171-pound division.

As of last week, Peters had a 17-1 season record for 2000/01, and a career record of 102-70.

Pom Pon Squad to perform this Friday

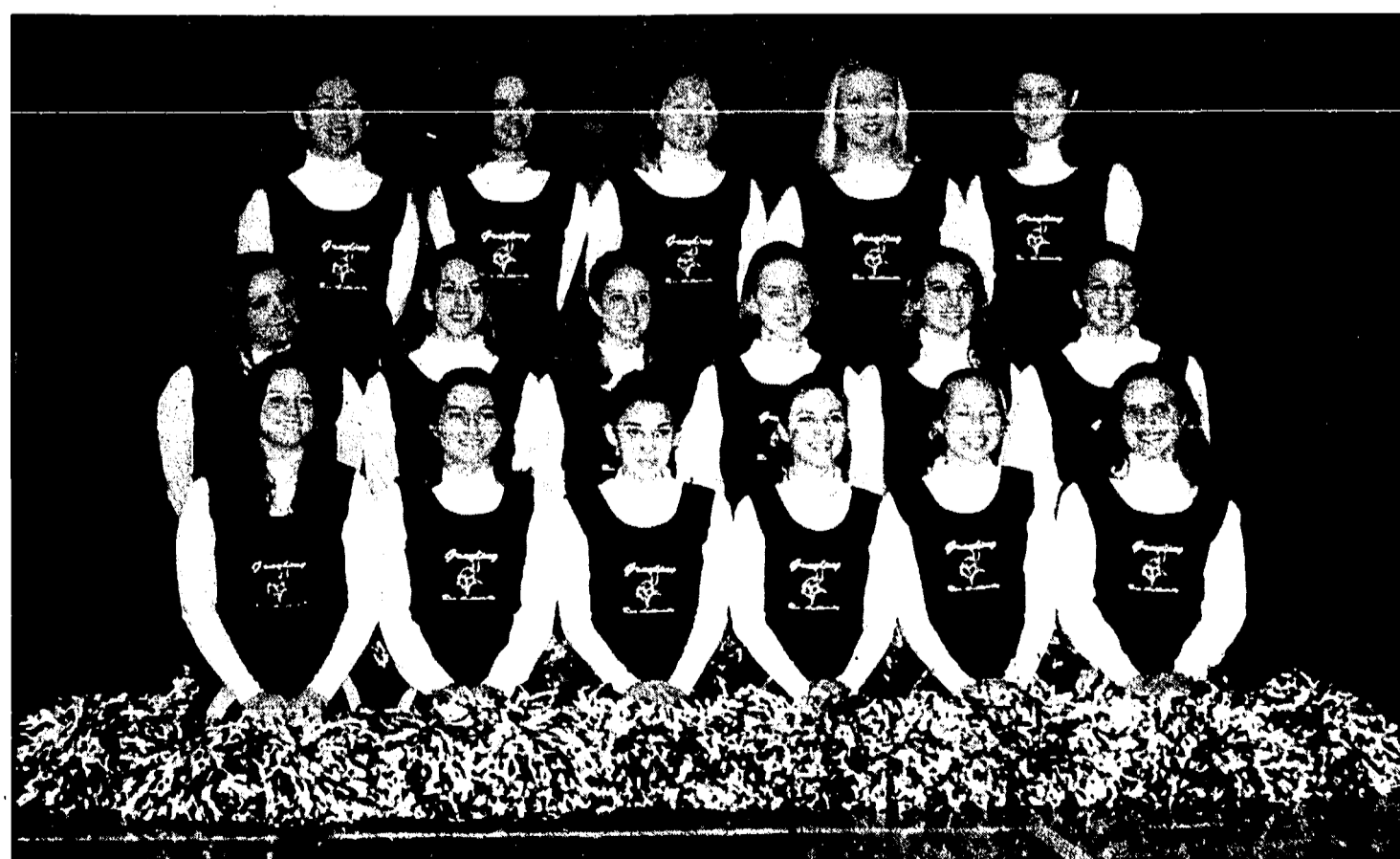
► Girls to perform first routine of the season at halftime on Fri., January 12

This year's Grayling Recreation Authority Pom Pon Squad, which consists of 18 girls, will be staging its first performance of the season this Friday at halftime of the varsity boys basketball game.

The team has been preparing for several weeks, practicing for two hours every Sunday. This year's squad is being coached by volunteers Teresa Furst, Penny Shepherd, and Cheryl Millikin.

In all, the 2000-01 pom pon squad will be performing at six varsity basketball games this year.

The group's debut will be on Friday, January 12. The JV basketball team will play at 6:15 p.m., and the varsity game will follow (starting between 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., approximately) and the pom pon squad will perform at halftime of the varsity



The 2000-2001 Grayling Recreation Authority Pom Pon Squad: (front, left to right) Sonya Saladine, Charly Albright, Rachael Evon, Penny Rosin, Janelle Gregorich, Gina Rosi; (middle, left to right) Kira Maples, Ashley Wolcott, Tiffany Pizzi, Heather LaVecchia, Shalee Cox, Laura Gassman; (back, left to right) Bitsy Hellebuyck, Tracy Parkinson, Nicole Larm, Jessika Abfalter, Emily Wakeley. Not pictured: Jenny Wheeling.

Hanson Hills to host ski races

► Annual cross country ski events to be held on January 13 & 14

The annual Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Challenge Classical cross country ski races will be held this weekend at Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park in Grayling.

The Michigan Cup Marathon, to be held on Saturday, January 13, is a 30km freestyle race through beautiful, hilly terrain. Two shorter races (15km) will be held for women and juniors on a separate course.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Mass starts will begin at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, the Classical races with interval starts begin at 10 a.m. behind the Little Smokey cross country building. Sunday's race

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Jr. Ski Team for skiers interested learning about racing. Class available Thursdays at 6pm. Dates: 4 weeks, January 4-25 or February 1-22. 8 weeks, January 4-February 22.

Boarding School is tailored to students 8 years and up. Snowboard class available Fridays at 6pm. Dates: January 4-25 or February 1-22. 8 weeks, January 4-February 22.

Adults Classes available Friday evenings at 6pm. Dates: 4 weeks, January 5-26 or February 2-23. 8 weeks, January 5-February 23. Time: Lesson, 6pm-7pm - Free Ski, 7pm-8pm.

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Vikings lose first league game

► Varsity b-ball team falls to Flying G's of Gladwin on the road 69-54

After winning its first two conference matches this season, the GHS varsity boys basketball team fell to 2-1 in the North East Michigan Conference with a loss to the Flying G's of Gladwin at Gladwin last Friday.

At 2-1, the Vikings are now second place in the league.

The G's led Grayling 26-20 at halftime, then had a big third quarter. Gladwin scored 29 points in the third period to Grayling's 18 to take a 55-38 lead into the fourth quarter. The Vikings made up a little ground in the fourth, but lost by a final score

of 69-54.

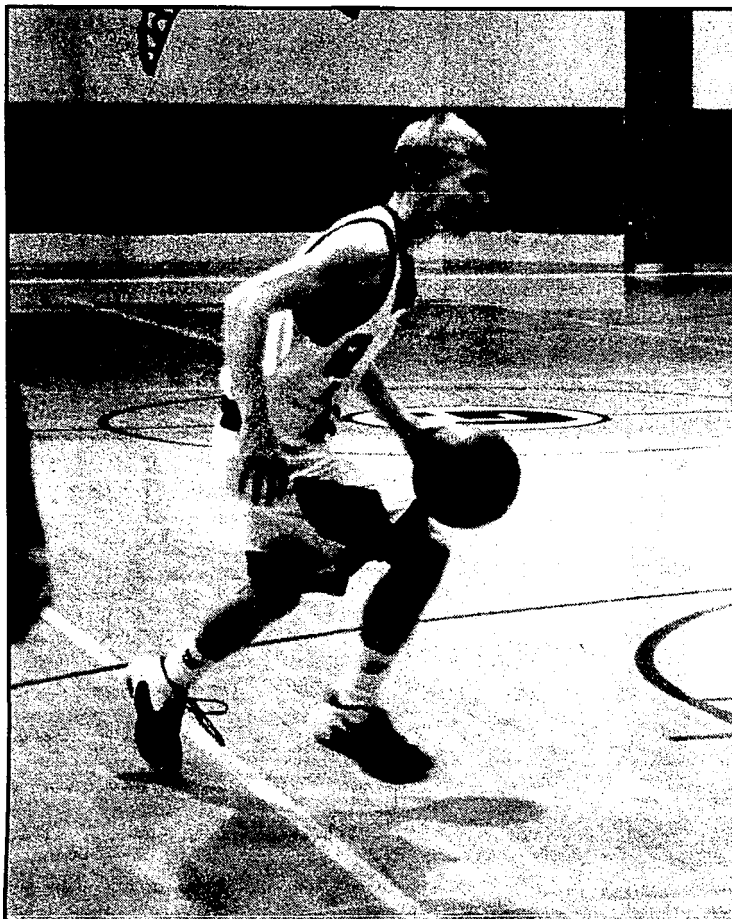
"We struggled at both ends of the court throughout the game," said Coach Rich Moffit. "We did not play with the energy level that would enable us to be successful tonight."

The team shot just 33 percent (21 of 63) from the floor against Gladwin.

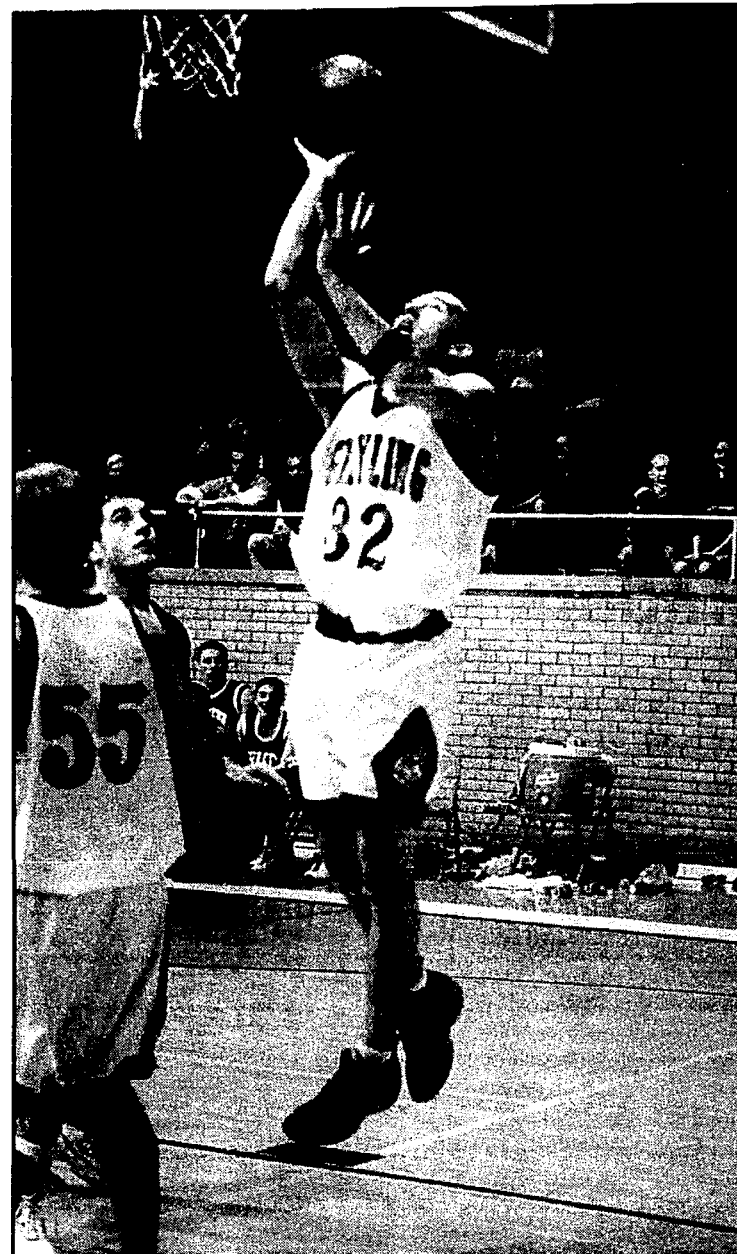
Leading scorers for Grayling were: Marcus Bobenmoyer, 16 points, eight rebounds; Brad Gorski, 11 points, 10 assists, five steals; and Levi Burkett, 11 points.

Nick D'Amour, R.J. Schmidt, Dan Mead, Marcus Marelich, and Ryan Mahaffy also scored for Grayling in the game.

The match was Grayling's first since the holiday break. On Friday, January 12, the Vikings will play at home against West Branch Ogemaw Heights.



Scott Latusek handles the ball for Grayling.



Point guard Brad Gorski goes up for a lay-in.



Wes Fox drives toward the basket.

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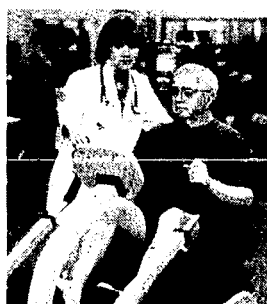
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Vikings wrestle Chiefs, Bobcats

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Grayling posted four wins and four losses versus BCJG in contested matches, but forfeits helped Bay City outscore GHS 39-21.

Bay City then went head to head with Cheboygan. The Chiefs came out on top 42-36.

Grayling then faced off with Cheboygan.

In the first contested match, Malone (112) fell behind in the final round, but came back to win a tough battle by decision, 12-11.

Palmer (125) again made short work of his opponent, pinning the Cheboygan wrestler in 42 seconds.

Chris Peters (171) won his match with a pin 1:20 into round one.

CdeBaca (189) then posted career win number 101 with a pin 10 seconds into the match.

Roy Middleton (215) pinned his Cheboygan opponent to round out the scoring for Grayling.

The Vikings were 5-3 in contested matches, but fell to Cheboygan in team score 48-27 due to several

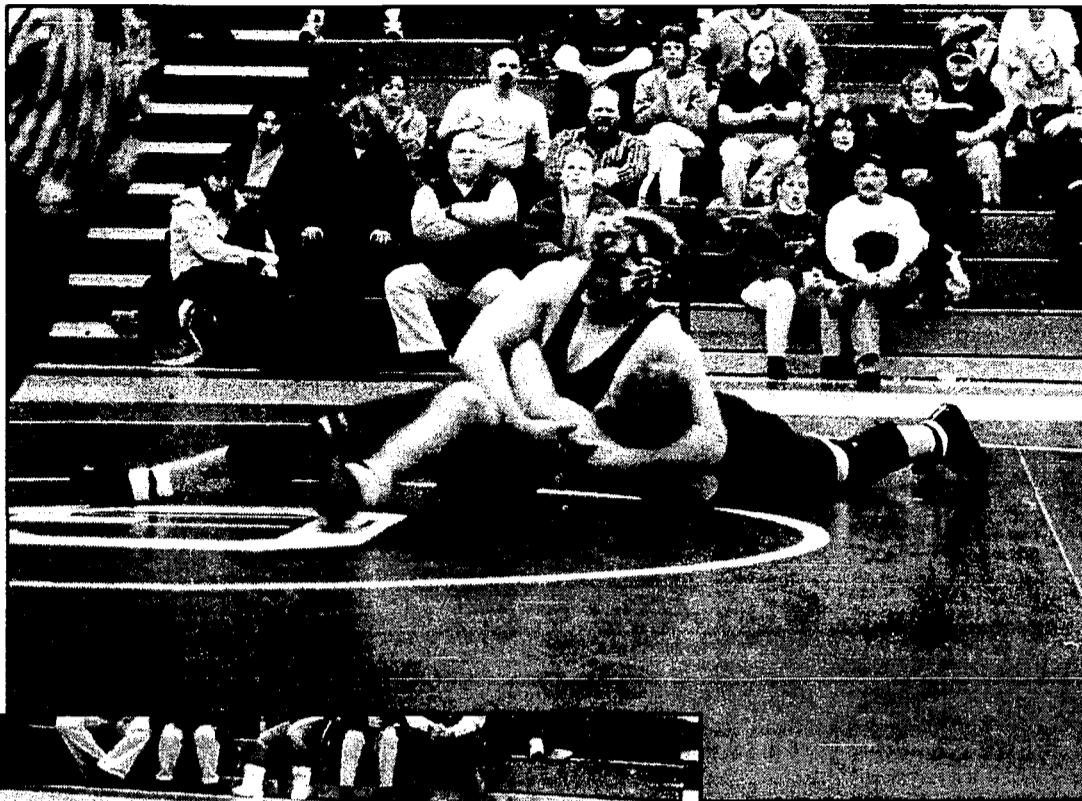
forfeits. (Teams receive points for weight classes in which they have a wrestler but the other team does not, which is considered a "for-

feit.")

"Grayling wrestled well," said Coach Don Ferguson, "but had to forfeit six weight classes due to

injury and other circumstances."

On Saturday, January 13, the Vikings will compete in the Oscoda Invitational.



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Above) GHS wrestler Roy Middleton (215) applies a hold to his Cheboygan opponent during last Thursday's meet. Middleton won the match with a pin. (Left) Adam Malone tries to pin his Cheboygan opponent. Malone won both of his matches last week.



Volleyball team competes in Petoskey Tournament

► Vikings struggle in first action of the new year, losing to four opponents

Back in action after the holiday break, the GHS varsity volleyball team competed in the Petoskey Tournament this past Saturday.



Lori Hinkle returns a ball from the front row.

The Vikings faced four opponents throughout the tournament, and lost to each. Grayling battled in close contests with Petoskey, Boyne City and Harbor Springs, but were unable to come away with a win.

"We opened the tournament against Petoskey. We played well, but couldn't pull out the win," said Coach Angie Golnick. "In the second game, we struggled to keep our composure. We struggled with enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the day. We ended by playing well against Harbor Springs."

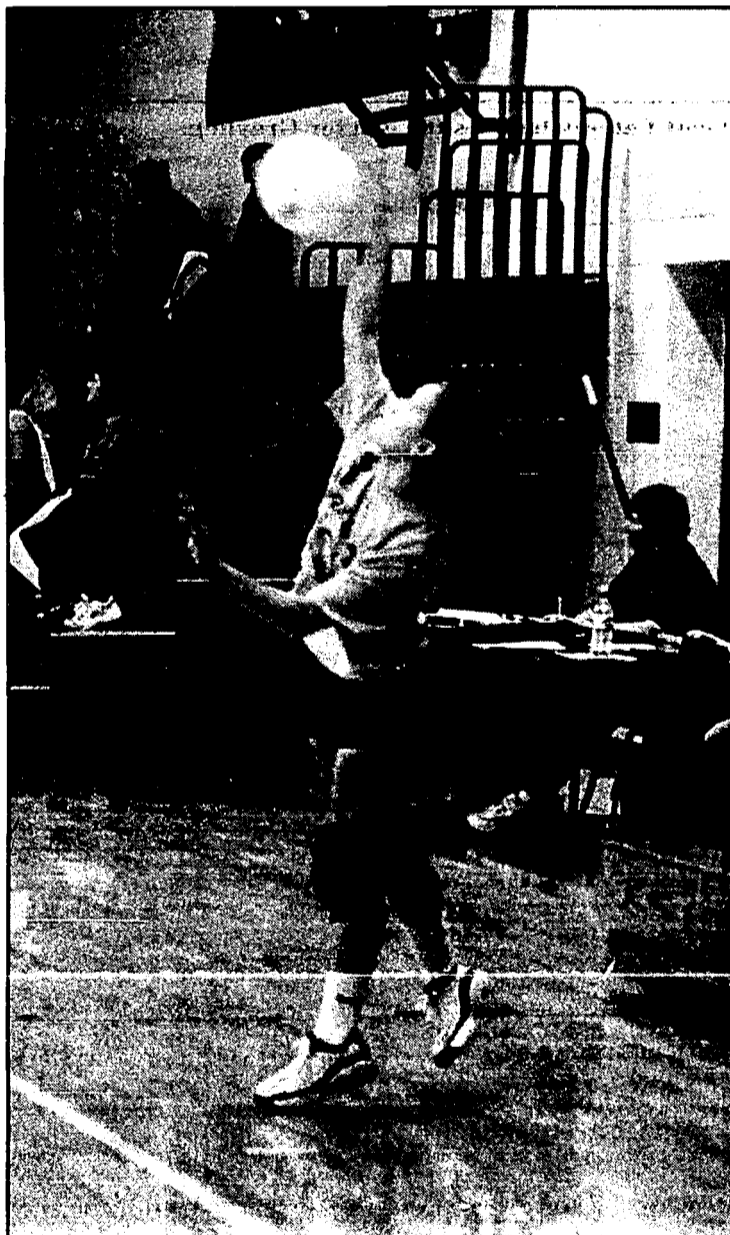
Grayling's scores included: Petoskey 15, GHS 5; Petoskey 15, GHS 12; Boyne City 15, GHS 13; Boyne City 15, GHS 10; St. Ignace 15, GHS 6; St. Ignace 15, GHS 6; Harbor Springs 15, GHS 12; Harbor Springs 15, GHS 4.

Final player statistics for the Vikings included: Kristy Hulbert - 18 assists, 10 digs; Jamie Dent - 4 assists, 3 aces, 3 kills, 5 digs; Lori Hinkle - 13 blocks, 5 kills, 15 digs; Arica Wolcott - 4 blocks, 2 kills, 19 digs; Emily Fox, 7 kills, 13 digs; Ashley Wolcott - 24 digs, 3 aces.

On Saturday, January 13, the Vikings will compete in the Gaylord Tournament. The tourney will consist of two pools of five teams each, and games will start at a score of 4-4 to shorten matches to 11-points (15 to win).

The Vikings will host their first home meet of the season on Wednesday, January 17, against Gladwin.

The freshman and junior varsity volleyball teams will also play at Wednesday's home meet versus Gladwin. Volleyball action will begin at 6:15 p.m.



Kristy Hulbert serves for Grayling.

Photos by Caleb Casey

GHS skiers open with Gaylord Invitational

► Grayling's boys team finishes in 2nd place out of eight teams; girls take 6th

Ninety area skiers participated in Gaylord High School's Invitational Meet at Treetops on Wednesday, January 3. Fifty male skiers and 40 female skiers made up eight boys teams and seven girls teams for the first race of the 2001 season.

The Grayling boys team took second place, finishing behind Gaylord but nine points ahead of third place

Mt. Pleasant. The Viking girls team finished 6th. Gaylord's girls team also took the top spot.

For Grayling, Matt Ginther took 1st in giant slalom (GS) and 3rd in slalom; Paul Jansen placed 5th in GS and 7th in slalom; Keil Clough was 6th in GS and 23rd in slalom despite a fall;

Derek Quick placed 13th and 16th; Eric Hart finished 23rd and 26th; Eric Hunter was 24th and 28th; Matt Seager was 36th in slalom and 42nd in GS;

Josh Jurkovich placed 42nd and 43rd; and Ben McNally placed 18th in slalom and was 15th after the

first GS run, but lost a ski at the start of his second run and was disqualified.

Kelly Jansen led the lady Vikings with 19th in both events; Andria Alvarez placed 15th in slalom and 25 in GS;

Lesley Gilbert took 26th in slalom and 28th in GS; Heather Vandecar was 25th in slalom and 35th in GS, and Shalee Cox took 34th in slalom and disqualified in GS.

On Thursday, January 18, the GHS ski teams will compete at Silver Ridge against Farwell and Harrison.

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There is no cost to attend. If you have any questions, please call (517) 348-0428.



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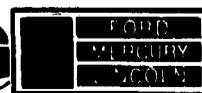
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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven A. Roby and Carmen L. Roby husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Old Kent Bank Mortgage, dated April 25, 1997 and recorded on June 25, 1997 in Liber 432, on Page 286, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND 08/100 dollars (\$53,100.08), including interest at 2.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in the Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, EXCEPT 33 feet off the West side for Road purposes.

AND The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, EXCEPT 33 feet off the West side for road purposes.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE
CALL: 248-593-1313

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200026378

-21-28-4-11-18

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian A. Shepherd married man and Colleen Shepherd his wife (original mortgagors) to Delta Funding Corporation, Mortgage, dated May 25, 1999 and recorded on June 14, 1999 in Liber 483, on Page 485-496, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and re-recorded on August 2, 2000 in Liber 513, Page 627, Crawford County Records and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bank One Trust Company N.A. f/k/a The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee, in Trust for the Registered Holders of Delta Funding Home Equity Loan Asset-backed Certificates, series 1999-2, C/O Delta Funding Corporation as Servicing Agent. Assignee by an assignment dated December 20, 1999, which was recorded on December 11, 2000, in Liber 524, on Page 453, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 85/100 dollars (\$110,770.85), including interest at 2.750% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 6/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in the Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 7, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel E-2: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 12; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes East (along the Southline of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 12) 487.0 feet; thence North 2 degrees 01 minute East (along the Westerly right of way of Old Dam Road) 708.6 feet; thence North 89 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds West 190.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89

degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds West 150 feet; thence North 2 degrees 01 minute East 186.2 feet; thence South 89 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds East 150 feet; thence South 2 degrees 01 minute West 186.2 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with an easement for driveway purposes over and across the North 30 feet of the following described parcel: Parcel "East-1", part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 12; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes East (along South line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 12), 487.0 feet; thence North 2 degrees 01 East (along the Westerly right-of-way of Old Dam Road) 708.6 feet to the point of beginning thence North 89 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds West 190 feet; thence North 2 degrees 01 minute East 186.2 feet; thence South 89 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds East; 190 feet; thence South 2 degrees 01 minute West 186.2 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 28, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE
CALL: 248-593-1310

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200010056

-28-4-11-18-25

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert L. Ralston, single man (original mortgagors) to Conesco Finance Servicing Corporation f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgage, dated May 26, 1998 and recorded on May 8, 2000 in Liber 507, page 334, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and re-recorded on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516, Page 558, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 83/100 dollars (\$30,913.83), including interest at 13.150% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in the Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 24, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 3 and 4, Block 4, Oak Hill Park, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 14, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE
CALL:

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Attorneys and Counselors
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200015399

-14-21-28-4-11

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jordon T. Grala, a single man (original mortgagors) to Shore Mortgage, Mortgage, dated December 18, 1998 and recorded on January 7, 1999 in Liber 421, on Page 162, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Nationwide Home Mortgage Company, as assignee by an assignment dated September

1, 2000, which was recorded on September 13, 2000, in Liber 517, on Page 218, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY AND 96/100 dollars (\$76,340.96), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in the Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The East 1/2 of East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 25 North Range 3 West. Also known as Parcel H. Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE
CALL: 248-593-1310

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Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200026135

-21-28-4-11-18

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harry A. Thomson a single man (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgage, dated July 31, 1995 and recorded on August 9, 1995 in Liber 398, on Page 126, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND 98/100 dollars (\$34,164.98), including interest at 8.250% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 9/1 and every 36 months thereafter.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in the Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 7, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being part of GRAYLING PARK, recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 26, Crawford County records. Situated in part of Government Lot 4, Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and in part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, all in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing

at the Southeast corner of Section 15, T26N R4W. Thence N00°32'00"W along the East line of the plat of OAK ACRES PARK, recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 49, Crawford County Records 657.84 feet (recorded as 658.00 feet) to the Northeast corner of said plat; thence S87°45'22"W (recorded as S87°48'00"W along the North line of the North line of GRAYLING PARK being S11°09'02"E 33.59 feet to a found 1/2" bar, being the monumented position of the Northwest corner of Block 3 of said plat of GRAYLING PARK; thence continuing S11°09'02"E along a line purported to be the East Right-of-way of North Portage Avenue 611.67 feet (recorded as S10°00'00"E 610.00 feet) to a point purported to be an angle point in the Easterly Right-of-way of North Portage Avenue; thence S38°41'06"E along a line purported to be the East Right-of-way of North Portage Avenue 19.88 feet (recorded as 25.5 feet) to a found 1/2" bar and cap purported to monument the position of the Northwest corner of Lot 13, Block 3 for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing S38°41'06"E 104.18 feet (recorded as 67.00 feet) to a found concrete monument purported to be the position of the Southeast corner of Block 3; thence N24°43'42"E along a line purported to be the Westerly Right-of-way of Poplar Avenue 114.39 feet (recorded as 106.5 feet to a set 1/2" X 18" steel bar and cap said bar set at a point purported to be an angle point in the Westerly Right-of-way of Poplar Avenue; thence S78°41'49"W along a line parallel to and 0.3+ feet South of an existing fence line purported to be the property line between Lots 12 and 13 of said Block 3, 115.20 feet (recorded as 85.00 feet) to the Point of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 28, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE
CALL: 248-593-1303

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Attorneys and Counselors
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200027052

-28-4-11-18-25

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate

File No. 01-6226-DE
Estate of Anna Alice Nelson, Deceased
Date of Birth: 06-24-04
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Anna Alice Nelson, who lived at 1544 Nelson Park Dr., Grayling, Michigan, 49738, died December 22, 2000.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert E. Nelson, named personal representative or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, Michigan 49738, and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

January 3, 2001
Robert E. Nelson
8624 Nelson Dr.
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5207

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CRAWFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD POSITION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for a position on the Planning Commission. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest and foresight in future planning and community growth in planning and zoning for Crawford County. Must be able to make good decisions and participate at monthly meetings held every first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore no later than 10:00 a.m. January 11, 2001 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
January 3, 2001

CITY OF GRAYLING NOTICE

The City of Grayling is in the process of amending its zoning ordinance. There will be a public hearing on January 22, 2001 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School located at 500 Spruce Street. The purpose of the meeting is to receive input regarding the proposed changes. Written comments will be accepted at the Grayling City Hall, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, Michigan 49738 until 4:30 P.M. January 19, 2001.

The new ordinance is available for examination at the following locations:

- Grayling City Hall, 5688 M-72
- Crawford County Library, 100 South James
- Crawford County Building Department, 200 West Michigan Ave.

If you have questions, please contact the city office at (517) 348-2131

December 28, 2000

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting which commences at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, February 1, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-00648, for the following items:

ONE (1) 4X4 PICKUP BODY TRUCK
6100# GVWR MINIMUM

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "2001 Pickup Bid". The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2001

DATE	STARTING TIME	PLACE
January 18	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
February 15	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
March 15	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
April 19	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
May 17	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
June 21	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
July 19	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
August 16	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
September 20	7:00 p.m.	R.O.O.C., Inc. 11051 N. Cut Road, Pioneer Hills, Roscommon
October 18	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
November 15	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
December 20	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake

All Board Meetings are open to the Public. If any person with a disability needs accommodation, please call the Director's Office three days prior to the posted meeting date.

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

of the North Central Community Mental Health Board of Directors

MEETING SCHEDULE 2001

March 7, 2001
June 6, 2001
September 5, 2001

All meetings are convened at North Central Community Mental Health, 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac, MI 49601, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
All meetings are open to the public. If any person with a disability needs accommodations please call the Recipient Rights Office three days prior to the posted meeting date.

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING On Tuesday January 30, 2001, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

CASE: 2001-1 RICHARD BROWN & CHRISTIANE HOWES, petitioners
P.O. Box 1063
Grayling, MI, 49738

Property Code: 20-040-40-008-15-125-04
Sites 1,2,3 & 4 of AuSable Country Acres
Location: 1537 E M-72 Hwy
Section 8, T26N, R2W

A request to re-zone from Single Family Residential (R-1) to General Commercial (C-1) for the purpose of moving existing cedar log furniture business (Broken Arrow Log Products) to this location and other commercial businesses allowable in the C-1 zone.

Case files, zoning ordinance and maps are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request may be directed to: Grayling Township P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI, 49738. Phone (517)348-4361 or FAX (517)348-6713

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NOTICE STRUCTURAL STEEL AND METAL ROOF DECK

The Crawford County Library Board will be releasing bid documents for Structural Steel and Metal Roof Deck for the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on January 10, 2001. Bids will be due on January 24, 2001 on or before 2:00 p.m. at the office of Riebachleiger and O'Brien in Houghton Lake, Michigan.

Barbara Clark Greene, President
Library Board
January 8, 2001

LEGAL ACTION

CRAWFORD COUNTY
SNOWMOBILE
ORDINANCE
2001-1

2001-1-82101 Definitions.

(a) "Conviction" means a final conviction, the payment of a fine, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere if accepted by the court, or a finding of guilt or probate court disposition on a violation of this part, regardless of whether the penalty is rebated or suspended.

(b) "Former section 15a" means section 15a of former 1968 PA 74, as constituted prior to May 1, 1994.

(c) "Highly restricted personal information" means an individual's photograph or image, social security number, digitized signature, and medical and disability information.

(d) "Highway or street" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained if any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

(e) "Law of another state" means a law or ordinance enacted by another state or by a local unit of government in another state.

(f) "Law Enforcement Officer" means a member of a police force or other organization of the County of Crawford, any township, village or city in Crawford County or of the State of Michigan regularly employed as such and is certified as a peace officer in the State of Michigan, who regularly is charged with the prevention and detection of crime and enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state and any non-certified individual specially deputized by the Crawford County Sheriff specifically for the purpose of enforcing this snowmobile ordinance on a seasonal basis.

(g) "Operate" means to ride in or on and be in actual physical control of the operation of a snowmobile.

(h) "Operator" means any person who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of a snowmobile.

(i) "Owner" means any of the following:

(i) A person who holds the legal title to a snowmobile.

(ii) A vendee or lessee of a snowmobile that is the subject of an agreement for conditional sale or lease with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee.

(iii) A person renting a snowmobile or having the exclusive use of a snowmobile for more than thirty (30) days.

(j) "Personal information" means information that identifies an individual, including an individual's driver identification number, name, address not including zip code, and telephone number, but does not include information on snowmobile operation or equipment-related violations or civil infractions, operator or snowmobile registration status, accidents or other behaviorally-related information.

(k) "Probate court or family division disposition" means the entry of a probate court order of disposition or family division order of disposition for a child found to be within the provisions of chapter XIIA of 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.1 to 712A.32.

(l) "Prosecuting attorney", except as the context requires otherwise, means the attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of a county, or the attorney representing a local unit of government.

(m) "Right-of-way" means that portion of a highway or street less the roadway and any shoulder.

(n) "Roadway" means that portion of a highway or street improved, designated, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel. If a highway or street includes two (2) or more separate roadways, the term roadway refers to any such roadway separately, but not to all such roadways collectively.

(o) "Shoulder" means that portion of a highway or street on either side of the roadway that is normally snowplowed for the safety and convenience of vehicular traffic.

nience of vehicular traffic.

(p) "Snowmobile" means any motor-driven vehicle designed for travel primarily on snow or ice of a type that utilizes sled-type runners or skis, an endless belt tread, or any combination of these or other similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated, but is not a vehicle that must be registered under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923.

2001-1-82103 Certificate of registration and registration decal required; exceptions; violation; penalty.

(1) Except as otherwise provided, a snowmobile shall not be operated unless the owner first obtains a certificate of registration and a registration decal, which shall be carried and displayed as required by state law. The certificate of registration shall be secured at the time of purchase of transfer of ownership. A certificate of registration or a registration decal is not required for a snowmobile operated exclusively on lands owned or under the control of the snowmobile owner or for a snowmobile used entirely in a safety education and training program conducted by a certified snowmobile safety instructor and authorized pursuant to section 82108 of the Michigan Snowmobile Act (MCLA 324.82108).

(2) The certificate or registration shall contain the number awarded to the snowmobile, the name and address of the owner, and other information the department of state considers necessary. The certificate of registration shall be pocketsize, shall accompany the vehicle, shall be legible, and shall be made available for inspection upon demand by any officer authorized to enforce the snowmobile ordinance.

(3) A person who is convicted of a violation of this section shall be subject to a civil fine of not more than \$50.00.

2001-1-82104 Special event: certificate of registration or registration decal not required.

A certificate of registration or a registration decal is not required for a snowmobile that is exclusively operated in a special event of limited duration conducted according to a prearranged schedule under a permit from the governmental unit having jurisdiction.

2001-1-82113 Registration decal.

The owner of a snowmobile shall affix to each side of the forward half of the cowl above the footwell of the snowmobile the registration decal assigned to that snowmobile. The registration decal shall be displayed as prescribed by the state law.

2001-1-82118 Michigan snowmobile trail permit.

In addition to registration of a snowmobile required by the State of Michigan or registration in another state or province, except as otherwise provided in this section, a person who desires to operate a snowmobile in this state shall purchase a Michigan snowmobile trail permit sticker, which shall be affixed or displayed as required by state law.

2001-1-82119 Operation of snowmobiles prohibited; exceptions.

A person shall not operate a snowmobile upon a public highway, land used as an airport or street, or on a public or private parking lot not specifically designated for the use of snowmobiles except under the following conditions and circumstances:

(a) A snowmobile may be operated on the right-of-way of a public highway, except a limited access highway, if it is operated at the extreme right of the open portion of the right-of-way and with the flow of traffic on the highway. However, a snowmobile may be operated on the right-of-way of a public highway against the flow of traffic if the right-of-way is a snowmobile trail designated by state law. Snowmobiles operated on the right-of-way of a public highway, as provided in this subdivision, shall travel single file and shall not be operated abreast except when overtaking and passing another snowmobile. In the absence of a posted snowmobile speed limit, a snowmobile operated on the right-of-way of a public highway, as provided in this subdivision, shall be limited to thirty five (35) miles per hour.

(b) A snowmobile may be operated

on the roadway or shoulder when necessary to cross a bridge or culvert if the snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before entering onto the roadway or shoulder and the driver yields the right-of-way to an approaching vehicle on the highway.

(c) In a court action in this state where competent evidence demonstrates that a vehicle that is permitted to be operated on a highway pursuant to the Michigan vehicle code, Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is in a collision with a snowmobile on a roadway, the driver of the snowmobile involved in the collision shall be considered prima facie negligent.

(d) A snowmobile may be operated across a public highway other than a limited access highway, at right angles to the highway, for the purpose of getting from one (1) area to another when the operation can be done in safety and another vehicle is not crossing the highway at the same time in the same general area. An operator shall bring his or her snowmobile to a complete stop before proceeding across the public highway and shall yield the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic.

(e) Snowmobiles may be operated on a highway in the Crawford County road system that is not normally snowplowed for vehicular traffic and on the plowed right-of-way or shoulder when no right-of-way exists on a snowplowed highway in the Crawford County road system, outside the corporate limits of a city or village, that is designated and marked for snowmobile use by the Crawford County Road Commission.

(f) Any law enforcement officer as defined herein may authorize use of a snowmobile on a public highway or street within his or her jurisdiction when an emergency occurs and conventional motor vehicles cannot be used for transportation due to snow or other extreme highway conditions.

(g) A snowmobile may be operated on a highway or street for a special event of limited duration conducted according to a prearranged schedule only under permit from the governmental unit having jurisdiction. The event may be conducted on the frozen surface of public waters only in accordance with state law.

(h) A city or village by ordinance may designate one (1) or more specific public highways or streets within its jurisdiction as egress and ingress routes for the use of snowmobiles. A city or village acting under the authority of this subdivision shall erect and maintain, in accordance with the Michigan manual of uniform traffic control devices standards, a sign unit giving proper notice of the designation.

2001-1-82120 Supervision of child less than twelve (12) years of age; exception; conditions for operation of snowmobile per person twelve (12) but less than seventeen (17) years of age; snowmobile safety certificate; crossing highway or street; duty of snowmobile owner; report of violation; suspension of certificate.

(1) A parent or legal guardian shall not permit his or her child who is less than twelve (12) years of age to operate a snowmobile without the direct supervision of an adult except on land owned or under the control of the parent or legal guardian.

(2) A person who is at least twelve (12) but less than seventeen (17) years of age may operate a snowmobile if one (1) of the following conditions exist:

(a) The person is under the direct supervision of a person who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

(b) The person has in his or her immediate possession a snowmobile safety certificate issued pursuant to state law.

(c) The person is on land owned or under the control of his or her parent or legal guardian.

(d) The person possesses a snowmobile safety certificate issued to the person under the authority of a law of another state or province of Canada.

(3) A person who is operating a snowmobile pursuant to subsection (2)(b) shall present the snowmobile safety certificate to any uniformed enforcement officer, as defined

herein, upon demand.

(4) Notwithstanding the aforesaid operator who is less than twelve (12) years of age shall not cross a highway or street. An operator who is at least twelve (12) years of age but less than seventeen (17) years of age may cross a highway or street only if he or she has a valid snowmobile safety certificate in his or her immediate possession.

(5) The owner of a snowmobile shall not permit the snowmobile to be operated contrary to this section.

(6) When the judge of a juvenile court determines that a person who is less than seventeen (17) years of age has violated this part, the judge shall immediately report the determination to the Michigan Department of State, which upon receiving a notice of a determination pursuant to this subsection may suspend the snowmobile safety certificate without a hearing.

2001-1-82121 Use of snowmobile to hunt wild bird or animal.

A snowmobile shall not be used to hunt, pursue, worry, or kill a wild bird or animal.

2001-1-82122 Lights and brakes; minimum safety standards; certification as proof of compliance.

(1) A snowmobile shall not be operated unless it has at least one (1) headlight, one (1) taillight, and adequate brakes capable, while the snowmobile travels on packed snow and carries an operator who weighs one hundred seventy five (175) pounds or more, of stopping the snowmobile in not more than forty (40) feet from an initial speed of twenty (20) miles per hour or of locking the snowmobile's traction belt or belts.

(2) A person shall not sell or offer to sell in the County of Crawford a snowmobile manufactured after July 1, 1978, unless it meets the minimum safety standards for snowmobile product certification of the snowmobile safety and certification committee's November 23, 1976, volume 3, safety standards for snowmobiles for product certification, including detailed standard supplement and test specifications and procedures, covering machine sound levels, seats, controls, brake systems, fuel systems, shields and guards, electrical systems and lighting, reflectors, handgrips, and general hazard requirements. Proof of compliance with this section shall be in the form of certification by a qualified independent testing company that is not affiliated with the manufacturer and is approved by the Michigan Department of State.

2001-1-82123 Crash helmet required.

A person operating or riding on a snowmobile shall wear a crash helmet on his or her head. Crash helmets shall be approved by the United States Department of Transportation. This section does not apply to a person riding on or operating a snowmobile on his or her own private property.

2001-1-82126 Operation of snowmobile; prohibitions; construction, operation and maintenance of snowmobile trail; conditions; "operate" defined; prohibited conduct; assumption of risk.

(1) A person shall not operate a snowmobile under any of the following circumstances:

(a) At a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper having due regard for conditions then existing.

(b) In a forest nursery, planting area, or public lands posted or reasonably identifiable as an area of forest reproduction when growing stock may be damaged or posted or reasonably identifiable as a natural dedicated area.

(c) On the frozen surface of public waters within one hundred (100) feet of a person, including a skater, not in or upon a snowmobile or within one hundred (100) feet of a fishing shanty or shelter except at the minimum speed required to maintain forward movement of the snowmobile or on an area which has been cleared of snow for skating purposes unless the area is necessary for access to the public water.

(d) Without a muffler in good working order and in constant operation from which noise emission at fifty (50) feet at right angles from the vehicle path under full throttle does

not exceed 86 DBS, decibels on the "a" scale, on a sound meter having characteristics defined by American standards association S1, 4-1966 "general purpose sound meter". A snowmobile manufactured after July 1, 1977, and sold or offered for sale in this state shall not exceed seventy eight (78) decibels of sound pressure at fifty (50) feet as measured under the 1974 society of automobile engineers code J-192a. This subdivision does not apply to a snowmobile that is being used in an organized race on a course, which is used solely for racing.

(e) Within one hundred (100) feet of a dwelling between twelve (12) midnight and six (6) a.m., at a speed greater than the minimum required to maintain forward movement of the snowmobile.

(f) In an area on which public hunting is permitted during the regular November firearm deer season from seven (7) a.m. to eleven (11) a.m. and two (2) p.m. and five (5) p.m., except during an emergency, for law enforcement purposes, to go to and from a permanent residence or a hunting camp otherwise inaccessible by a conventional wheeled vehicle, or for the conduct of necessary work functions involving land and timer survey, communication and transmission line patrol, and timber harvest operations, or on the person's own property or property under the person's control or as an invited guest.

(g) While transporting on the snowmobile a bow, unless unstrung or encased, or a firearm, unless unloaded in both barrel and magazine and securely encased.

(h) On or across a cemetery or burial ground.

(i) Within one hundred (100) feet of a slide, ski, or skating area except when traveling on a country road right-of-way pursuant to section 82119 or a designated and signed snowmobile trail. A snowmobile may enter such an area for the purpose of servicing the area or for medical emergencies.

(j) On a railroad or railroad right-of-way. This prohibition shall not apply to railroad personnel, public utility personnel, law enforcement personnel while in the performance of their duties, and persons using a snowmobile trail located on or along a railroad right-of-way, or an at-grade snowmobile trail crossing of a railroad right-of-way, which has been expressly approved in writing by the owner of the right-of-way and each railroad company using the tracks and which meets the conditions imposed in subsections (2) and (3). A snowmobile trail or an at-grade snowmobile trail crossing shall not be constructed on a right-of-way designated by the federal government as a high-speed rail corridor.

(2) Notwithstanding section 82101, for purposes of this section, "operate" means to cause to function, run, or manage.

(3) A person shall not alter, deface, damage, or remove a snowmobile trail sign or control device.

(4) Each person who participates in the sport of snowmobiling accepts the risks associated with that sport insofar as the dangers are obvious and inherent. Those risks include, but are not limited to, injuries to persons or property that can result from variations in terrain; surface or subsurface snow or ice conditions; bare spots; rocks, trees and other forms of natural growth or debris; or collisions with signs, fences, or other snowmobiles or snow-grooming equipment. When a snowmobile is operated in the vicinity of a railroad right-of-way, each person who participates in the sport of snowmobiling additionally assumes risks including, but not limited to, entanglement with tracks, switches, and ties and collisions with trains and other equipment and facilities.

2001-1-82126a Operation of snowmobile; prohibited conduct.

A person shall not operate a snowmobile upon a highway, public trail, frozen surface of a public lake, stream, river, pond, or another public place, including but not limited to an area designated for the parking of snowmobiles or other motor vehicles, in a careless or negligent manner likely to endanger any person or property.

2001-1-82126b Operation of snowmobile; prohibited conduct.

A person shall not operate a snow-

mobile upon a highway, public trail, frozen surface of a public lake, stream, river, pond, or another public place, including, but not limited to, an area designated for the parking of snowmobiles or other motor vehicles, in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.

2001-1-82131 Display of lighted headlight and taillight required; applicability of section to snowmobile twenty-five (25) years or older.

(1) A person shall not operate a snowmobile without displaying a lighted headlight and a lighted taillight.

(2) This section does not apply to a snowmobile of a model year twenty-five (25) years old or older.

2001-1-82132 Accidents; notice; reports.

The operator of a snowmobile involved in an accident resulting in injuries to or the death of any person or property damage in an estimated amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more shall immediately by the quickest means of communication notify a state police officer or officers, the Sheriff's Office of Crawford County, or the office of the police department of the local unit of government in which the accident occurred. The police agency receiving the notice shall complete a report of the accident on forms prescribed by the director of the department of state police and forward the report to the department of state police within fourteen (14) days after the date of the accident. The department of state police shall forward a copy of all snowmobile accident reports to the department within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the accident report.

2001-1-82133 Violation; civil infraction.

Except as otherwise provided herein, a person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a civil fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and court costs.

2001-1-82134 Violations; civil infraction.

(1) A law enforcement officer, as defined herein, may issue appearance tickets for violations of this ordinance.

(2) In a proceeding for a violation of this part involving prohibited operation or conduct, the registration number displayed on a snowmobile constitutes prima facie evidence that the owner of the snowmobile was the person operating the snowmobile at the time of the offense.

2001-1-82135 Failure to stop on signal of uniformed officer; identification of official vehicle.

An operator of a snowmobile who is given by hand, voice, emergency light, or siren a visual or audible signal by a peace, police, conservation or other law enforcement officer, as defined here, acting in the lawful performance of his or her duty, directing the operator to bring his or her snowmobile to a stop, and who willfully fails to obey the direction by increasing his or her speed or extinguishing his or her lights, or who otherwise attempts to flee or elude the officer, is guilty of a civil infraction. The officer giving the signal shall be in uniform. A vehicle or snowmobile, which is used by such an officer at night for purposes of enforcing this part, shall be identified as an official law enforcement vehicle or snowmobile.

2001-1-82147a Suspension or revocation of operator's or chauffeur's license; operation of snowmobile prohibited.

If the operator's or chauffeur's license of a person who is a resident of this state is suspended or revoked by the secretary of state under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, or if the driver license of a person who is a nonresident is suspended or revoked under the law of the state in which he or she resides, that person shall not operate a snowmobile under this part for the same period.

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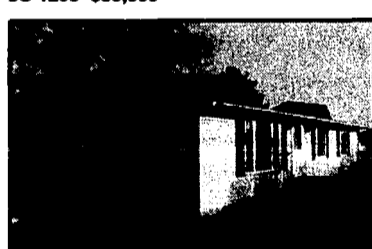
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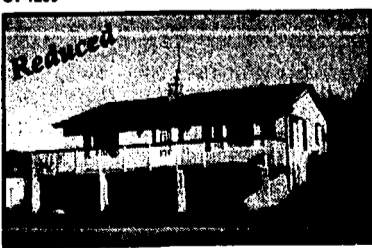
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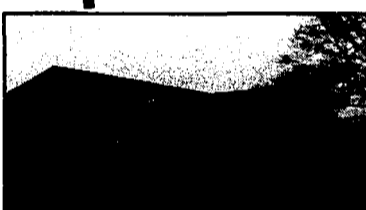


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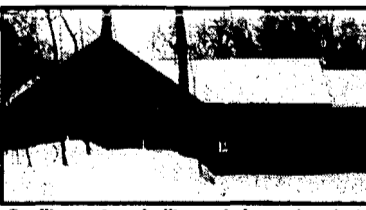
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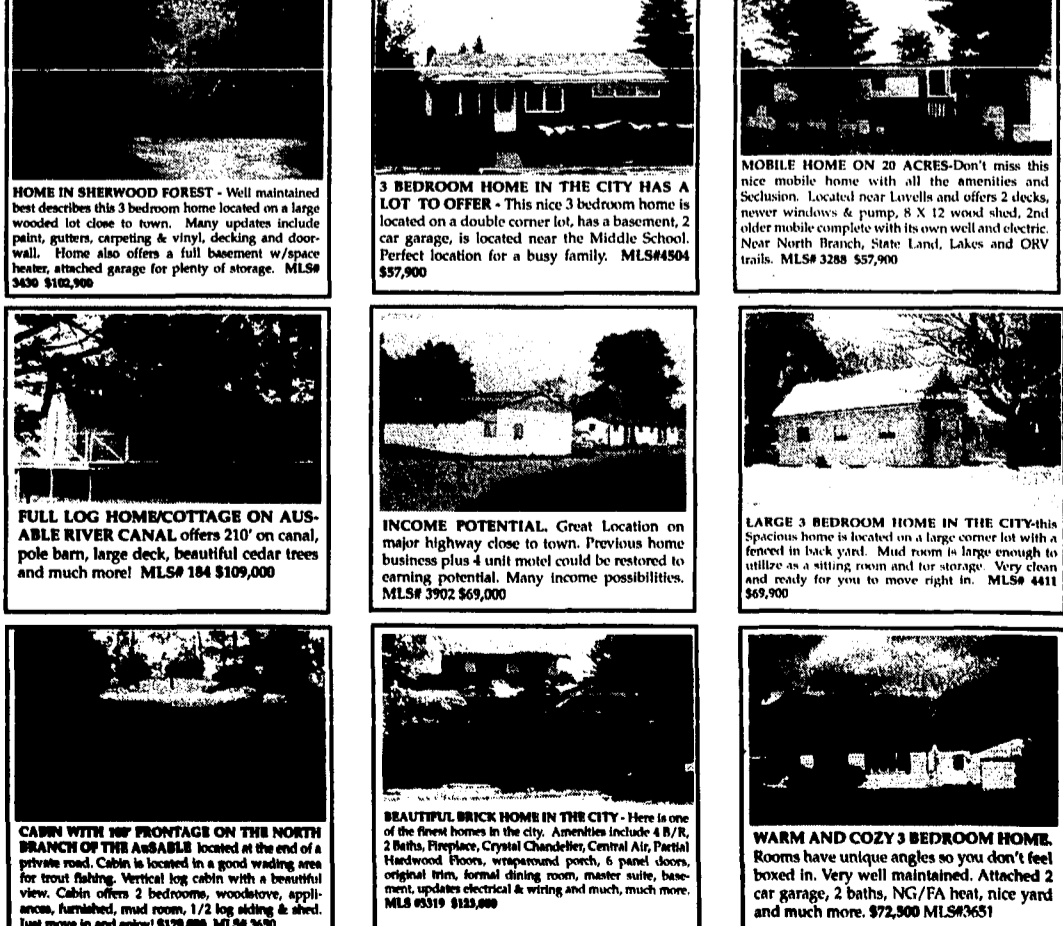
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CLEAN, ROUTE CLEANERS needed for northern Michigan, 20-40 hours per week, willingness to travel required. \$8 per hour. Excellent position for a team, but individuals welcome too! Equipment, supplies and training provided. Call to arrange a local interview, 1-800-441-4463. (EOE) (-4-11/3)

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3. Employment

PHLEBOTOMIST Mercy Hospital Grayling is looking for a Lab Attendant Phlebotomist. We have full time positions available on days and afternoons. The Lab attendant is responsible for blood specimen collection and other related clinical and clerical duties. Previous hospital Phlebotomy experience preferred but will consider medical assistant experience/training. Computer data entry skills are necessary. Qualified candidates may apply at Mercy Hospital Grayling, Human Resources, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. 517-348-0528. Fax 517-348-0485. (-11/3)

NURSING ASSISTANT (Certified) Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking Certified Nurse Assistants to work in our Extended Care Facility Full-time and Part-time positions are available. The successful candidate will have completed a Nursing Assistant program and be certified as a Nurse Assistant. Preference is given to persons having relevant experience as a Nursing Assistant. We offer competitive wages and excellent fringe benefit package. Interested persons please contact Human Resources: Mercy Hospital, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone 517-348-0528. Fax 517-348-0485. (-11/3)

REGISTERED NURSES Extended Care Facility. Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking Registered Nurses for full or part time positions at our extended care facility. Mercy Manor is known for the quality of care that it provides to our residents. Positions are on afternoons or midnights. We offer a competitive salary and an excellent fringe benefit package including Afternoon Shift Differential of \$.75 and a \$2 per hour Midnight Shift Differential. Interested persons please contact Human Resources, Mercy Hospital, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone number 517-348-0528; Fax 517-348-0485. (-11/3)

PT. AND FT. All positions open, apply within. Silver Dollar Restaurant. Contact Julie in the mornings. (-11-18/3)

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED for Grayling Pines/Whispering Pines apartment communities. Hard working individual with own tools. This part time position includes general maintenance, lawn care and snow removal. Please call or stop by Monday - Friday 9 to 2. 517-344-0020. (-4-11/3)

1. Real Estate



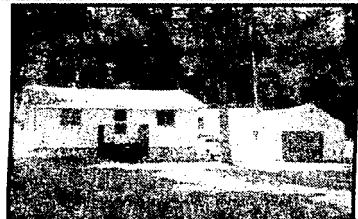
River Country Real Estate

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Cute, comfortable and affordable best describes this 2 bedroom bungalow in the Village of Roscommon. Close to everything. New cement porch, deep lot and a great garage with enclosed workshop and 2nd floor storage. Immediate occupancy! #4685 \$39,900 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Living room is all knotty pine except hardwood floors, kitchen has new vinyl flooring, new cabinets and countertops, bathroom has newer vinyl flooring, bedrooms & utility room all have newer carpeting. Property includes 1 1/2 car garage, nice setting, all on a paved, county maintained road! (appliances are negotiable) #4655 \$48,700 Ask for Chelle Warnars!



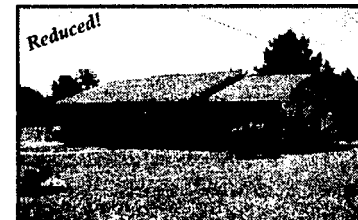
Great cottage or year around home. Situated on a one acre parcel with a 1 car garage, 12 x 12 shed and a 20 x 40 out building. Home is very cozy with knotty pine interior and comes with refrigerator, range, washer and dryer. Close to Snowmobile Trails, Horse Riding Trails and thousands and thousands of acres of State Land! #4710 \$56,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



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This spacious well maintained 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 story home shows great pride in ownership. Offers a formal dining room, cozy family room with wood burner, large utility room, basement and much more. Must view to appreciate. #4606 \$79,900 Ask for Bob Pollack!



You must visit this home to appreciate it. It is neat and spotless with a very cheerful decor. The kitchen features all oak cabinetry and includes stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. Yard is landscaped with a blacktop driveway. #4664 \$109,000 Ask for Randy Thompson!



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JOB POSTING

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The T.O.P. Caseworker position entails the following duties and assignments:

- Act as liaison between the court, school and students/families under court jurisdiction who are placed in the T.O.P. Program.
- Complete a detailed intake assessment of students placed in T.O.P. Program including but not limited educational, familial, social and personal history. Information pertaining to past academic functioning, educational testing, school discipline, public/private agency involvement, medical history, familial criminal/court involvement, and other identifying factors placing the student at risk should be included.
- Maintain data on student's compliance with educational components and develop reward/sanction alternatives to address student's progress within the T.O.P. Program. Complete Report For The Court when juveniles appear for disposition or supplemental disposition hearings.
- Coordinate local community agency service provisions for participating students/families.
- Assist Family Division Casework staff in arranging sanction placements and coordinate provision of educational materials for students in placement.
- Develop a summer education/activity schedule for T.O.P. students.
- Work directly with school personnel on developing an education program incorporating computers and the internet.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Court including but not limited to Basic Grant and In-Home-Care caseworker services and other services designed to fulfill court functions.

Salary Range: \$11.15 to \$21.25
Location: Crawford County and Otsego County
Qualifications: Bachelor Degree

Interested persons may apply, in writing, to the Trial Court Administrator no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2001.

Trial Court Administrator Rudi Edell
46th Circuit Trial Court

1029 Gornick Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

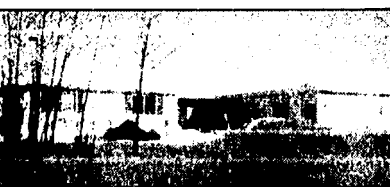
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1. Real Estate



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Registered Nurses and Home Health Aids needed immediately for this progressive Home Care! Munson Home Care, Gaylord, has the following positions available:

- Full-time salaried Physical Therapist;
- PRN Registered Nurses; and
- PRN CENAs or trained Aides

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3. Employment

COOK/DIETARY AIDE Mercy Hospital, Grayling is seeking an experienced institutional cook to assume a full-time (32 Hrs. per week) position in our Food Services Department, the person filling this position will function sometimes as a cook and sometimes as a dietary aide. Responsibilities include preparation of food and monitoring of supplies. High school graduate or equivalent, knowledge of applicable laws and standards relative to institutional food preparation is required. We offer competitive rate and excellent fringe benefit package. Interested persons please contact: Human Resources, Mercy Hospital, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone 517-348-0528; Fax 517-348-0485. (-11/3)

ESTABLISHED COMPANY IN GAYLORD looking for dependable full time route drivers. Good benefits, above average pay. Must have CDL Class A license. Send resume to: D.L., P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-11-18/3)

4. Services Offered

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4. Services Offered

SNOW PLOWING, ROOF SHOVELING Free estimates. Call Scott at 517-348-2875. (-11/4)

\$3.50 PITCHERS with any item ordered from the menu on Sundays at Skyline Ski & Country Club. Open at noon. 517-275-8987. (8/10/00tf/4)

SKYLINE RESTAURANT DAILY SPECIALS Friday: Fish dinners \$5.99-\$7.99. Saturday: BBQ Ribs \$8.99 1/2 - \$11.99 full slab. Sunday - Wednesday: Buy one 15" two item pizza for \$11.99 and get the second one half price. Thursday: Prime Rib \$8.99 with soup, salad bar and potato. 517-275-5445. (9/14/00tf/4)

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11. Automotive

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7. Miscellaneous

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5. For Sale

1995 SKIDOO SNOW MACHINE 583 Formula Z at \$2,500 or best offer. 517-348-9888. (-28-4-11-18-25-1/5)

7. Miscellaneous

FOUND TABBY CAT Military Rd. Appears to be good. Call 517-348-7387. (-11/7)

8. Announcements

MEETING OF THE Animal Shelter of Crawford County members. January 11, 2001 at 2 p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe. (-4-11/8)

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8. Announcements

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11. Automotive

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2000 Malibu - V-6, auto., air, power windows & locks, miles in low 20s. Stock #4466

Was \$15,498 Now \$14,998.....Blowout Price \$13,998

1999 Chevy Cavalier 4 Dr. - Automatic with air. Great on gas and not \$20,000! Don't let this one pass you! Stock #4499-1

Was \$9,998 Now \$9,498.....Blowout Price \$8,998

1999 Chevrolet Malibu LS - V-6, loaded! A great car at a great price! Low payments on this one! Stock #4506

Was \$12,998 Now \$12,498.....Blowout Price \$12,298

1998 Buick Riviera - Supercharged V-6, power moon roof, leather, sharp as a tack! Stock #4404

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1998 Chevrolet Lumina - Beige, very nicely equipped & only 28,000 miles! Genuine Chevrolet. Stock #4400

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1998 Chevrolet Lumina LS - Very nice, clean one owner car. Fully equipped, a really nice car for the money. Stock #174453-1

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1998 Cadillac Catera - Loaded! Power moon roof, chrome wheels, leather, Bose CD, full power, traction control and much more! Stock #4385

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1997 Buick Park Avenue - Luxury at a very affordable price, leather, the works! Stock #4406

Was \$18,998 Now \$18,498.....Blowout Price \$17,998

1997 Ford Escort - 4 door, automatic with air. Great economy car and on sale now! Stock #4481-1

Was \$7,998 Now \$7,498.....Blowout Price \$6,998

1998 Olds Cutlass Supreme 4 Dr. - Loaded with leather, black on black, 24 valve V-6 engine. Real Sharp! Stock #4392

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1998 Chevrolet Lumina - Nice clean car with only 80,000 miles. Lots of life left and a real bargain! Stock #4434-1

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1998 Buick Park Avenue - Leather, loaded. You need to see this car! Stock #17799-1

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1998 Oldsmobile 98 Elite - Very nice full size luxury car! Cream puff like this won't last! Stock #4504

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2000 Chevy Blazer 4 Dr. 4x4 - LT package with all the toys! Only 6,000 actual miles! A great buy! Stock #17819-1

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1998 Chevy S-10 Pickup 0 Regular cab, manual transmission. Great transportation when gas is \$1.60 per gallon! A great value! Stock #4471.

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1999 Chevrolet Suburban 3/4 Ton 4x4 - What a trailer puller. If you pull anything heavy, you need to see this one. Stock #17644

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1998 Chevy Blazer 4 Dr. 4x4 LS - Loaded with power seats, windows, locks, keyless remote, CD, and all the goodies! Only \$1,000 miles!

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1998 Chevrolet Venture Ext. 4 Dr. - Loaded and neat as a pin! Light beige, beige cloth interior! You gotta see this one! Stock #4486

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1999 GMC Jimmy SLT 4 Dr. 4x4 - Loaded with leather, power moon roof, CD, maxed out! Black with gold two tone. Great value! Stock #4408

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1999 Chevrolet Tahoe LT 4 Dr. 4x4 - Perfect! Loaded! only 12,000 miles! While and gold two tone with beige leather! They don't get any nicer! Stock #4482

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1997 GMC Jimmy 4 Dr. 4x4 SLE - Gold two tone, very sharp with great equipment! This one won't be here long. Stock #4345

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1999 Chevy Tahoe 4 Dr. 4x4 - "Ducks Unlimited" conversion. Awesome! Custom leather interior, TV/VCR, full power, maxed out! Stock #4457

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1997 Chevy Tahoe 4 Dr. 4x4 - V-8, really nice! Loaded LS model with cloth with a split bench 3 passenger front seat, low miles. Stock #4495

Was \$21,998 Now \$21,498.....Blowout Price \$20,998

2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo - Black, 6 cyl., sharp! Don't pay \$35,000! Buy a used one for thousands less! Stock #4453

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1998 Chevy K1500 Ext Cab 4x4 Z71 - 3dr., 350 V-8, CD, full power, sharp! Stock #17722-1

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1999 Chevrolet Silverado Full Size Ext. Cab 4x4 - New body style and sharp! Loaded Z71 with the big V-8 and all of the options! This one won't last! Stock #17745-1

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1998 GMC Suburban 4 x 4 LT - With leather and all the options. Trailering, rear air, full power! A great vehicle for northern Michigan. Stock #4501

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1998 Oldsmobile Silhouette GLS Extended Mini Van - WOW! - Loaded with leather, gold package and too much more to list! The nicest used mini van in northern Michigan! Only 20,000 miles!

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1998 Chevrolet K-2500 3/4 Ton Ext. Cab - 4x4 5.7 V-8, Silverado trim, loaded and nice! Stock #17897-1

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1998 Ford F-150 Regular Cab 4x4 With Fiberglass Topper - V-8, manual, air, bedliner, nice clean truck! Stock #17909-1

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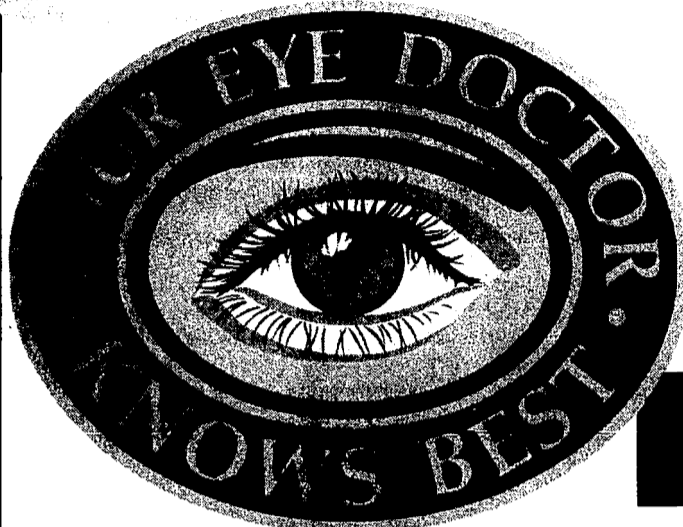
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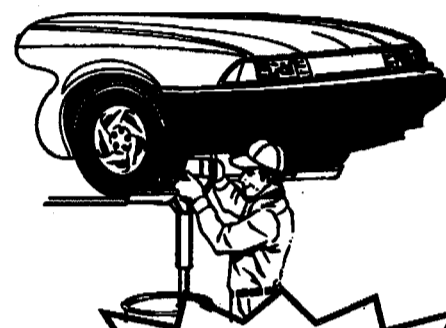
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